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After blow to city dreams once more, should we now give up?

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COUNCIL chiefs were this week pondering whether to once again seek city status after hopes of securing the title were dashed for a third time.

Despite three towns – rather than just one – being upgraded in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, Medway was overlooked in favour of Chelmsford in Essex, Perth in Scotland and St Asaph in Wales.

Medway had started Wednesday morning as second favourite behind Reading to win the crown but emerged empty-handed.

The campaign had been spearheaded by the Conservative-led council which yesterday confirmed it had spent £12,900 of a £25,000 budget set aside for the bid.

But it had become something of a

political hot potato. In January, in a remarkable move, the local Liberal Democrats group wrote to Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg pleading with him not to grant Medway city status. The Queen's decision this week was informed by advice presented by Mr Clegg.

Labour, however, said they were "disappointed" to hear the final verdict.

Council leader Rodney Chambers congratulated the three winners, but said he was convinced Medway was still a "city in the making".

He said: "While we were, of course, hoping Medway would gain city status, we believe the bid created a huge amount of national publicity and this has helped raise our profile and show people how much this area has to offer."

"It is true to say that not only does Medway have a rich heritage, it also

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HOORAY: Cash injection will help make future Fuse events better than ever

EVENT

FESTIVAL BOOST

THE Arts Council has awarded the Fuse Medway Festival a £100,000 grant, with organisers vowing to spend the money on boosting future events.

Jon Linstrum, from the Arts Council, said: "This year's pro-

gramme for Fuse Medway Festival embraces the local, regional and international in a cohesive way, introducing some exciting new strands at all levels and featuring some high quality work from a wide range of artists."

AWARD

Star-studded royal reward

A GARDENER who bounced back from being bullied and suffering depression was this week given the royal seal of approval after collecting an award from Prince Charles during a glitzy star-studded bash in London's West End. The prize was from the Prince's Trust.

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MOTHER'S DAY

Family is back from the brink

MOTHER'S Day will pack a powerful emotion punch for a family in Gillingham this weekend after years of turmoil. The Warner family were nearly ripped apart by their daughter's drug-taking and abusive relationships. But this Sunday sees them united in normality once more.

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SPORT

Football ace's Facebook gaff

CROCKED Gills striker Adam Birchall has received a rap over the knuckles after telling followers on Facebook he will not be back in action this season – before the club's medical team had confirmed it. Meanwhile the Gills seek to keep the pressure on at Cheltenham on Saturday.

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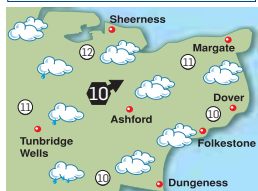
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CITY BID

Is winning city status more about ego than benefits?

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WHILE the disappointment of failure to win city status is a blow to the area's ego, the question now being asked is have we actually missed out on anything worth having?

There is no doubt there is a publicity boost delivered simply by being in the running, yet much evidence is merely anecdotal as to whether calling yourself a city delivers genuine results and benefits to the region's bottom line.

Like the long shots bidding to host the Olympic Games, a reasonably modest sum can be spent on fronting a campaign. Even in inevitable defeat, the profile and platform it can provide can be a small price to pay.

Some have argued city status is more about civic pride than any financial benefits; that it injects a sense of worth which does much for the mood and morale of those who live and work within its boundaries.

Medway Council itself said it would assist in the transformation of the area and help deal with future challenges – and it is hard to criticise a unitary authority wanting the area it serves to be upgraded in some way, although critics would point to the hidden cost of implementation should city status have been achieved, especially in times of such economic pressure.

In its bid document, town hall chiefs stated city status would be “a new chapter in Medway's future”.

Business leaders said it will allow new regeneration opportunities which would boost the economy.

But in Brighton and Hove, which was granted city status in 2000 by the Queen, the view was mixed.

Chief executive of the Brighton and Hove Economic Partnership, Anthony Mernagh, said no research had been carried out to see what benefits city status had actually brought to the area.

“To be honest I'd be very surprised if there was any direct impact on business,” he said. “It's a bit like when some-



one gets a knighthood, it doesn't necessarily mean they will benefit from it – it's a title and honour.

“The main thing is that city status will raise the profile of the place and in the eyes of inward investors a city is often a better option than a town.”

Mr Mernagh said people tended to think of cities as big places such as Liverpool, but he admitted the UK was running out of such towns.

“City status is more about a change in attitude than geography.”

Officials in Sunderland, which was granted the honour 20 years ago, agreed it was perhaps more about civic pride than any tangible impact.

Dean of the faculty of business and law at Sunderland University, Professor Bernie Callaghan, said – like Brighton and Hove – no research had been carried out to see what economic effect city status had brought.

But business leaders for Medway said the status would have given a financial boost to the area.

Chief executive of the Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce, Jo James, said it would have increased tourism and created regeneration opportunities.

“Strategically positioned mid way between the capital and the continent and with fast train links, Medway is poised to benefit from inward investment,” she said. “It has actually accomplished a

great deal of these things already, despite the closure of the Naval facilities, so surely it is only right it should benefit from city status at some point to acknowledge that achievement?”

“After all, it did have a city once; Rochester was recognised as a city in 1211 but it was discontinued in 1998 following local government reorganisation.”

She added: “Very often, we tend to ignore, or at least fail to appreciate, the exciting developments taking place on our own doorsteps.”

“In Medway, the Historic Dockyard has become a centre for tourism and a burgeoning business centre, providing employment in a huge variety of occupations, providing a wide-ranging spin off which has, and still is, generating economic activity throughout the area.”

“Only 12 years ago Medway had no higher education facilities, and it now has four universities, which together have a student population of 12,000 and growing. These are complemented by other excellent education provision such as the £86m MidKent College development and a £75m academy schools programme.”

“City status for Medway is not only deserved but overdue as a reward for economic and social achievements, and to provide a boost to the economic development not only of Medway, but to Kent and the south east as a whole.”



HISTORIC PRESTIGE: Rochester was a city for hundreds of years until 1998

Towns are still going places in spite of failure

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has a great future – its four universities, unrivalled transport links to the capital and continent and an increasingly more skilled workforce all vouch for that.

“The bid also shows we have come such a long way since the 1980s when the naval dockyard in Chatham closed.

“The Medway of today is a thriving area, with a large population and regeneration continuing apace. We know Medway's journey continues, but it is definitely heading in the right direction.

“Medway is an area that has a great heritage, a rich future. And certainly is going places.”

A council spokesman said a decision on whether to push forward with the city status campaign had not been made.

Paul Godwin, leader of the local Labour group, said: “Though we are disappointed to miss out on city status for Medway this year, it is important that all the effort put into this campaign is harnessed to promote the continued development of the Medway towns.”

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AWARD

Royal seal of approval for gardener who beat the bullies and made himself inspirational

By Chris Britcher

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A GARDENER who overcame bullying and depression has won a prestigious royal award at a glitzy bash in London.

Kevin Lawrence, 29, from Chatham, collected an award from the Prince of Wales in front of a 1,500-strong crowd at the Odeon in Leicester Square during the Prince's Trust and L'Oreal Paris Celebrate Success Awards on Wednesday. The event was hosted by TV stars Ant and Dec.

Mr Lawrence was one of just three young people from across the UK to be nominated for the RBS Enterprise Award. The award recognises the success of young people who have overcome barriers and achieved success in setting up a business.

From an early age, he suffered from speech and language difficulties and struggled to keep up in school. He found reading and writing a challenge and was diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and dyslexia, which led to behavioural problems in

school. He was also diagnosed as being on the autistic spectrum. His disabilities made him a vulnerable target for bullying and he was at risk of giving up on his ambitions.

But he persevered with his education and went to college to gain qualifications in literacy, numeracy and horticulture.

He eventually turned to his passion of gardening and volunteered to maintain the gardens of a local church. He then won a grant from the Prince's Trust to start up his own business, which is proving a success.

Basketball player Ade Adepitan MBE, who was also at the event, said: "With help from the Prince's Trust, Kevin has built a positive future for himself through hard work, grit and determination. He is an inspiration to other young people who are considering setting up on their own in business."

Mr Lawrence added: "I'm so happy to have won – I can't stop smiling. I hope I can inspire other young people not to give up on their dreams, no matter what difficulties they face along the way."



Picture: KOIS MIAH

WELL DONE: Talented gardener Kevin Lawrence was presented with his Prince's Trust RBS Enterprise Award by the Prince of Wales

NEWS IN BRIEF

➔ MPs back art protest

TRACEY Crouch and Mark Reckless have added their names to those attending an art exhibition inspired by opposition to plans to build an airport in the Thames Estuary.

The No Thames Airport Artists Group will stage an exhibition at the Nucleus Arts Gallery in Chatham, starting from March 30. The Beauty or the Beast show will examine the impact of such a development on the local area. The exhibition runs until April 5.

➔ Judge delivers lecture

A LEADING tribunal judge will deliver an open lecture at the University of Kent's Medway campus on Thursday.

Taking place in the Pilkington lecture theatre, the talk, titled The New World of Tribunals: A Quiet Revolution, will be delivered by Professor Jeremy Cooper. It is free to attend and open to all. It gets under way at 6pm. Prof Cooper is honorary professor at the university and active at the Kent Law School.

➔ Missing woman fears

POLICE were growing increasingly concerned for a missing woman from Chatham yesterday afternoon after going missing since the early hours of Tuesday morning.

Rosemary Bradley, 41, was last seen at her home in Shaklin Close. She was on medication which she had not taken with her. It is not believed she has her purse or credit cards with her.

Mrs Bradley is 5'3" and believed to be wearing a black V neck jumper, dark jeans or trousers, flat black shoes and a black jacket.

HEALTH

Restaurant boss defends use of herbal tobacco in popular shisha pipes

A RESTAURANT boss who offers customers controversial shisha pipes to smoke insists his are less harmful because he only uses herbs and sugar – rather than tobacco.

It follows a report this week highlighting the health risks of smoking the pipes – saying that an hour puffing on a pipe is the equivalent of smoking 100 cigarettes.

Health chiefs fear by using words such as 'fruity' and 'cool', smokers are fooled into thinking traditional shisha tobacco pipes are less harmful.

And with a boom in cafes and bars offering the traditional Middle Eastern pipes since the smoking ban came into force – rising from 179 UK-wide in 2007 to 556 today – the British Heart Foundation has rapped out a warning.

Dr Mike Knapton, associate medical director at the BHF, said: "Contrary to popular belief, shisha is not safer than

smoking cigarettes.

"If you use shisha you are a smoker and that means you're putting your health at risk.

"It's linked to the same serious and life-threatening diseases as cigarettes and there are added risks because you often smoke it for far longer than you would a cigarette and you're also exposed to toxins from the wood or charcoal used to burn the tobacco."

Moz Khan launched his Lounge Café in Gillingham after giving up a career as a lawyer. He explains: "I do herbal tobacco, I don't do tobacco, it's herbal flavours."

He said that the amount of nicotine is tiny – 0.05 per cent in shisha tobacco and no tar. In his pipes, there is also no tar and no nicotine, he added: "It's just sugar cane and molasses."

He also restricts his pipes to over 18s. "It's a cultural thing but not limited to that. I am not

one to argue with the British Heart Foundation."

Traditional shisha smokers inhale tobacco with added flavourings or sweeteners through a water-filled vessel.

This cools the smoke and makes it feel less harsh, but the tobacco can still cause ill health, including lung and mouth cancer, the BHF warns.

Because the smoke is cooler, some experts say people inhale it more deeply, which increases the risks further. The BHF said few are aware they are as harmful as cigarettes.

Public health minister Anne Milton said: "Waterpipes or shisha fall under the same laws as other forms of tobacco. We want areas to develop and implement evidence-based tobacco control strategies and work in partnership across communities to encourage smokers to quit. This includes supporting enforcement activities such as waterpipes."



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DROUGHT

Hosepipe ban confirmed as water levels continue to take a nose-dive

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THE drought crisis has forced water companies to introduce a hosepipe ban in the hope of preserving the precious resource.

Restrictions will be introduced in Medway on April 5 and will target domestic users.

Customers will be prevented from using hosepipes for watering their gardens, washing cars, patios and boats or from filling swimming and paddling pools, ponds and fountains.

Those caught breaching the rules will be hit with a hefty fine of £1,000.

Medway is supplied by two water companies; Southern Water and South East Water, although the latter supplies drinking water.

Restrictions are being enforced following two of the driest winters on record. Bewl Water reservoir, near Tunbridge Wells, which supplies water to the area, is at below 50 per cent capacity and recently required a special permit to take water from the River

Medway to boost its levels.

Only a heavy bout of almost continuous rainfall over a period of weeks will ease the problem.

Medway Council said the water restrictions were unlikely to impact any council services as they referred to domestic use, but Southern Water said the watering of public parks would be prevented.

Water strategy manager Meyrick Gough at Southern Water said: "These measures are being brought in following an exceptionally dry 12 months.

"But, as the weather gets warmer, the demand for water will rise and therefore to safeguard supplies throughout the summer we need to restrict the amount of water used in gardens."

As well as low water capacity in Bewl Water, vital groundwater sources – which provide 75 per cent of all customers' supplies – are at moderate or severely low levels, with some reaching their lowest-ever recorded levels.

Managing director of South



East Water Paul Butler said: "The restrictions are a regrettable, but necessary step to protect supplies for the coming months for essential use of water by our customers for drinking, washing and cooking and to minimise the impact on the water environment.

"If the situation does not significantly improve, then we may have to remove any initial concessions, and introduce wider restrictions, to protect

both customers' water supplies and the environment from which we take that water.

"We do not take the introduction of these restrictions lightly and are keen to work with those affected to help make the impact as minimal as possible – but we must all do our bit to save water."

TURN IT

OFF: From April 5 there will be a hosepipe ban for domestic water users

NEWS IN BRIEF

➔ Jobless figures rise

UNEMPLOYMENT figures released this week have seen numbers rise across Medway for the eighth consecutive month.

As the economy continues to struggle, some 7,649 people in the area are now claiming out-of-work benefits – a rise of 233 over the course of the last month; higher than the national and south east average.

Local opposition leaders have blamed the Government's economic management.

➔ Surgery gets reprieve

HEALTH chiefs have granted a three-month extension to keep the Marlowe Park Medical Centre in Strood open beyond the end of the month.

Following an intervention by MP Mark Reckless and pressure from residents, the Kent and Medway Primary Care Trust have allowed an extension. Mr Reckless said: "I believe they are now negotiating in good faith and with better mutual understanding."

➔ Pineapple chief's visit

BUSINESSWOMAN and founder of Pineapple Dance Studios, Debbie Moore, will be the guest of honour at Strood Academy's 'topping-out' ceremony to mark the completion of external building works this afternoon.

She will be at the site in Carnation Road today (Friday) at 3.30pm. Once complete, the academy will boast a new dance and drama studio and science labs.

CHARITY

Leap of faith to raise cash for church



FUNDRAISERS will be hurling themselves off the roof of an historic church in Burham this weekend.

In a bid to raise cash for charity, volunteers will abseil 80-ft down the side of St Mary's Church on Saturday.

Money raised will go towards improving St James' Church in Cooling to mark the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Dickens. In the churchyard are gravestones believed to have been the inspiration behind the opening scenes of his novel, Great Expectations.

The event is being run by the Churches Conservation Trust which is behind the improvement plans. Locals have already helped to raise £10,000 towards the majority of the project – but the trust still needs a further £6,000.

Claire Coles, community fundraising officer at the trust, said: "This is a great opportunity for the people of Rochester to support a project being set up to benefit their community. Getting involved in the abseil is a way for people to challenge themselves personally to raise funds for the community."

The Churches Conservation Trust is a national charity protecting historic churches at risk. It currently cares for some 344 churches across the country.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

➔ Pen a line of poetry

WORLD Poetry Day will be celebrated with a workshop for budding wordsmiths.

Heroes and Villains will take place at Strood Library next Saturday, March 24, and will look at everything from Greek myths to fairytales, football to politics and TV to comic books. The writing workshop for new and established poets will be led by Maria C. McCarthy, author of *Strange Fruits*. Places are free but booking is essential. To reserve your place: 01634 335890.

➔ Bite-sized Apple class

IPHONE users can get an insight into how to fully harness the power of their device at a course run by the Medway Adult and Community Learning Service this Saturday.

Taking place at the Chatham Grammar School for Boys, the one-day course is designed for beginners and includes how to send text and picture messages, connect to the internet and use apps. It runs from 9.30am to 12.30pm and costs £21. To enrol call 01634 338400.

➔ Mayors' MAPS visit

MAYORS of Medway and Tonbridge and Malling will be visiting the workshops of the Medway Aircraft Preservation Society at Rochester Airport next month.

The visit will allow the visitors the chance to see work progressing on a wartime turret fighter, the Boulton Paul Defiant - the only one of its kind still in existence. The visit will take place on April 16.



TRAINS



Historic duo steam in for photoshoot

LOCOMOTIVE enthusiasts will soon get a rare chance to capture two engines which have worked at Chatham's dockyard.

As a pre-cursor to the Medway Festival of Steam & Transport 2012, photographers will get the chance to snap ex-dockyard steam locomotives Ajax and Victory against the back-

yard of the dockyard's historic buildings and warships.

It will be the first time the Victory - built in 1945 and which served at the dockyard until 1969 - will be in-steam on public display since a three-year restoration by father and son Richard and Tony Goulding after they discovered her

abandoned in a railway siding.

This will also be the first public showing of Ajax following a major ten-year overhaul.

Ajax, built in 1941, spent its working life at the dockyard, returning when the Historic Dockyard opened in 1985.

The two go on public display on March 31.

NEW STORE

Children open garden centre and bag £500

GARDEN centre giant Dobbies opened its new multi-million pound store in Gillingham last Friday.

The 50,000sq ft site in Courtney Road is the company's second in Kent - the first opened last year in Ashford - with the firm pumping £8 million into it and creating 120 jobs.

School children Declan White, Bradley Keating, Sophie Nicholls and Max Penny, all in Year 4 at Park Wood Junior School, cut the floral ribbon to officially open the centre with the help of celebrity gardener David Domoney after the green-fingered group won a competition to design an eco-garden.

They also pocketed £500 of gardening equipment to help them create the design at their school.

David Domoney hosts his own show on Channel 5 called *Garden ER* and is a regular on the Alan Titchmarsh Show.

He said: "It's fantastic to see the children's design ideas and their enthusiasm for plants and the outdoors."

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TOURISM

Attractions are ready to impress during big weekend for visitors

By Chris Murphy

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LEADING tourist sites are expecting their busiest weekend of the year as thousands take to the county's attractions when Mother's Day and My Kent Big Weekend combine to swell the crowds.

The My Kent Big Weekend event is an annual opportunity for residents to visit sites on their doorsteps, with thousands of tickets given away for free in a ballot held earlier this year.

Among the 123 venues offering entrance passes were the likes of the Historic Dockyard, Rochester Castle and cathedral and Diggerland in Strood.

The tickets were up for grabs for both Saturday and Sunday as part of the Visit Kent organised event, which helps to mark the climax of English Tourism Week.

Sandra Matthews-Marsh, chief executive at Visit Kent, said: "My Kent Big Weekend attractions work hard to make sure everyone has a really special day out.



"So even if you have not been lucky enough to receive free tickets you can still be assured of a very warm welcome and lots of entertainment."

Attractions are hoping to once again capitalise on the 'staycation' trend in recent years which has seen cash-strapped families dispense with foreign holidays in ex-

change for discovering the attractions within easy driving distance.

With the economy still in a state of slump, that is expected to have an impact on figures this summer – assuming the weather holds up.

Adds Mrs Matthews-Marsh: "Everyone out and about at participating attractions over the weekend is invited to enter our great My Kent Big Weekend photographic competition.

"Take pictures of your family and friends having a great time, or an image of your attraction that would really encourage others to visit.

"All the entries will be judged by a professional photographer and there are some fantastic prizes on offer, including two English Heritage memberships for a year for two people, and special free passes to a host of top visitor attractions across the county."

However, the weather is not set to be kind. The forecast is for rain showers on both days and temperatures struggling to topple 10C.

For more information visit www.mykentbigweekend.co.uk.

NEWS IN BRIEF

➔ Boost to health staff

HEALTH visitors and other community health staff gathered in Rainham last week to celebrate progress on a national plan to boost their number by 4,200 by 2015, nationwide.

Sally Brown from the Department of Health joined staff who will see an additional 30 posts created in Medway.

It is one of only 26 sites leading the way in developing the new service, which will be implemented from April this year.

➔ School bridges gap

YOUNGSTERS from Riverside Primary School in Gillingham walked off with the top honours in this year's Bridge Building Challenge at the Royal Engineers' Museum.

Using just some string, four drawing pins, two lengths of dowel, three short paper sticks, a few pieces of card and some paper, the Year 6 pupils built a bridge that was able to carry a 12Kg load. Ten schools took part in the National Science and Engineering Week 2012 event.

➔ Blind TV licence deal

BLIND people are being urged to claim a discount on their TV licences in a push to raise awareness of the cut price offer in association with the RNIB charity.

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INDUSTRY

Fishing communities on the hook for free lecture

By Chris Britcher

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THE cultural and economic importance of the marine fishing industry to communities along the English Channel will be the topic of debate at a lecture in Chatham later this month.

The free public lecture takes place at the University of Greenwich's Medway campus on March 28 and will provide a fascinating study on the impact of fishing on the communities both in England and France.

People, Plaice and Chips: Marine Fishing and Coastal Communities along the English Channel, will be presented by two academics from the university's School of Science; Dr Tim Acott, principal lecturer in environmental geography, and Dr Julie Urquhart, research fellow.

The pair are also leading a 4.6 million euro project – the geography of inshore fishing and sustainability – which ex-



MORE THAN JUST A JOB: Fishing has an influence on the character of a region too

plores the social, cultural and economic importance of marine fishing for the development of sustainable coastal communities.

Dr Acott says: "Many coastal communities have links to fishing that span generations and fishing is a way of life that goes beyond the means to earning a living.

"Fishing's influence is not confined to those activities that take place at sea, but spills over onto land to create a particular identity and sense of place.

"Many people enjoy the spectacle of fishing while on holiday, the bright boats, the at-

mosphere of a real fishing place and the heritage taking us back to simpler times when villages and towns grew up on the back of the fishing industry."

Last year the University of Greenwich hosted a major international conference about the cultural and social impacts of marine fishing on coastal communities, titled It's Not Just About The Fish.

The lecture takes place in the Pembroke building at the campus on Chatham Maritime, at 6.30pm and will be followed by light refreshments.

To attend email: science-public-lectures@gre.ac.uk.

EDUCATION

Politicians join college debate

A BIG-hitting line-up of local politicians will go head-to-head in front of students at MidKent College next Friday as part of a travel debate.

Organised by the MidKent College Students' Union, the debate will put Gillingham and Rainham MP Rehman Chishti, Aylesford MP Tracey Crouch and Medway Tory councillor Andrew Mackness, alongside Labour councillor Vince Maple.

Also in attendance will be a representative from bus firm Arriva.

Among the topics to be discussed will

be the scrapping of the Education Maintenance Allowance and the impact that this has had on travel planning for young people in Medway.

The debate will look to lobby for cheaper rail fares, encourage the introduction of a Medway Freedom Pass, to encourage a cross-border Freedom Pass, to identify a better alternative for students who drive to college when it comes to parking arrangements and to encourage MPs and councillors to back the "no minimum fare for the 16-25 railcard" petition.

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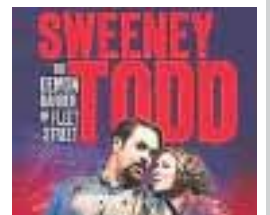
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CHARITY

Diving into fundraising

A DAREDEVIL student's love of animals led to her taking a 12,000ft leap of faith on their behalf.

Alex Pullin, 16, from Gillingham, took part in a charity skydive to help fund her visit to the International Primate Rescue charity in Pretoria, South Africa.

The sanctuary has rescued primates from all over the world and currently cares for more than 100 monkeys, mar-

mosets, lemurs and more. Alex, who is studying at MidKent College's Medway campus, took part in the tandem skydive at Headcorn Airfield, near Ashford.

"I'm scared of heights so I thought I might get over my fear by doing this," she said. "But I didn't – it was very scary.

"Your belly just goes everywhere and it's the worst thing I've ever done. The best bit was when the parachute finally

went up – I loved that."

Alex raised £250 from the skydive and has also been washing cars to help pay for her trip to South Africa.

"I'll be going out there for two weeks and will be helping to look after the primates by feeding them and cleaning out their cages," she said.

"I'm really looking forward to it. It will be a great new experience and I can't wait."



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Family anticipates joy of Day after suffering from

By Marijke Cox

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FROM the brink of despair to a new dawn, this Mother's Day will pack a powerful emotional punch for one family.

For Laura Warner, from Gillingham, the day will mark the progress her daughter Amy has made over the last five years, escaping from violent partners and drug addiction, and beginning to forge a relationship with her children.

Mrs Warner told YourMedway that just three years ago she thought Amy would end up dead in a gutter.

The 43-year-old said: "It has been difficult. Three years ago I thought she would be dead."

"Mother's Day will be lovely this year; we'll all be together on Sunday - it's a long time since we've had that. I won't deny, however, that it does bring back painful memories."

Mrs Warner's daughter gave birth in 2006 when she was



just 17 while struggling with drug use and a violent partner.

"Amy was living in southern Ireland when I got a call saying she was pregnant. It was very difficult her being that age; she's wasn't a child, but she wasn't adult and there was nothing I or the police could do," said Mrs Warner.

"She came back to the UK when she realised social services were going to take her baby away and she moved in with her then partner's relative.

"Amy had always been good with kids and I hoped this could help her turn things around."

But after moving back to Medway with baby Sophie she fell in with a bad crowd and started drinking and taking drugs again.

"I told her to tell me if she was having problems with Sophie as I didn't want social services to take her away. I ended up taking the baby on full time and Amy respected that," said Mrs Warner.

But Amy soon found herself in another bad relationship and ended up in a refuge: "She got involved with a violent alcoholic and moved in with him and his mother and fell pregnant again."

"I made a decision I had to keep my distance although Amy still had a relationship with Sophie. It was very difficult; I would get phone calls from strangers who said they had found my daughter completely out of it on drugs."

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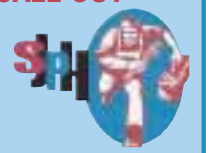
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United Mother's years torn apart

"She wouldn't know what had happened; sometimes I thought I would get a call saying she was dead."

During the troubling time, Mrs Warner, an estate agent, suffered a heart attack.

She said: "In the meantime Amy was about a month before her due date and she had to be induced because she was still drinking and doctors were worried about the baby."

"I was in my hospital bed and Amy was in hers. It was difficult; I had Sophie and my own children to think about."

"Amy had her baby Anthony but she was assaulted by her partner. The baby wasn't being looked after properly and was put on a Child Protection Plan."

"In September 2009 the police removed my grandson and placed him in my care and my husband and I got a guardianship order. The relief was overwhelming, as was the anger and upset towards my daughter."

"At this point she'd hit rock

bottom. I had to have her arrested after she came to the house wanting to see me. She didn't want to see her children, she wanted her mum."

"But she was in breach of the court order and I couldn't have her disrupting the children's lives. I didn't do it to be horrible, I did it because I love her."

Mrs Warner said since then, Amy has turned her life around.

"She is working, driving and has met a lovely man."

Mrs Warner said during the tough times she met other families going through similar experiences and formed Kinship Foster Carers Group.

The group arranges trips and events to bring everyone together to support each other.

"I don't know what I'd do without them sometimes. We receive no funding so it's often a struggle but if we've got a spare £20 we think about what we can do to plan something fun for the families."

This Mother's Day, the fami-



ly, including Mrs Warner's two other children, who are aged 17 and 14, as well as six-year-old Sophie, three-year-old Anthony and Amy, will spend the day together.

"Sophie knows about her obscure upbringing but we have always been very open about it. They call me Mummy Nan and Amy, Mummy Amy."

Amy said she regretted letting everyone down and praised Kinship Carers.

"I never thought it would happen to me, my children being taken off me, that was what happened to other people," she said. "If it wasn't for Kinship Care and Mum and Dad taking

on my children I would not have the relationship I have with them now."

"They probably would have been adopted and then I would have had nothing. I feel guilty as hell about what I have put my family through but that will not help to move things forward, so I look at the positives and look forward to the future."

"They are settled with my Mum, Dad and sisters, and why would I want to uproot them and upset them? They have been through enough and I am just grateful that I still have them in whatever shape or form that is."

BETTER DAYS:

Amy has turned a corner and has a relationship with her two children, Anthony and Sophie, who are looked after by their grandmother Laura, pictured opposite

CRIME

Fake money arrests

TWO teenagers have been released on bail until next month after being arrested on suspicion of being in possession of counterfeit currency.

The 18-year-olds, both from Medway, were nabbed in a bar in Maidstone town centre in the early hours of March 8, following reports a man had tried using fake £20 notes. They were bailed pending further enquiries until April 12.

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CRUFTS

Young pairing are top dogs

By Chris Murphy

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A SCHOOLGIRL fought off tough competition to pick up a prize at Crufts this week – the annual parade of the world's best dogs.

Brydee-Mae Mills, 12, from Rainham School for Girls, secured a place on the podium in the 12-16-year-olds handling category. She appeared at the world famous show at Birmingham's NEC with her pet – two-year-old bulldog Cocker.

The youngster, of Kingston Crescent, said: "I'm absolutely over the moon to have won this award, it is unexplainable as to exactly how good it feels."

"It is the best thing that has happened this year, even better than Christmas. I'm definitely going to come back again next year and hopefully I can hold on to my title, that is the challenge I have now."

It certainly hasn't been a ruff week for county dogs, with three of them going walkies with Crufts trophies and a Kent police pooch proceeding in a homeward direction with a



WELL HANDLED: Brydee-Mae Mills and her bulldog Cocker

major regional prize in another competition.

Jo Izard from Canterbury was amazed when Ellie, her five-year-old German Short Haired Pointer, proved every dog does have its day.

Ellie was one of more than 26,000 dogs at the world famous show held at Birmingham's NEC, and took the prestigious overall gamekeepers' award in the main arena.

Mrs Izard said: "I've been coming to Crufts for more than

20 years showing dogs but now I'm in the gamekeepers' competition it's a fantastic feeling to win."

"Three generations of Ellie's family have won big awards here at Crufts and I'm delighted to continue the fine tradition."

"It's an enormous trophy and very prestigious so I'm very proud but sadly I don't get to keep the trophy. I take a few photos with it and then it's taken away."

Mrs Izard wasn't the only

success story in Birmingham, with Canterbury schoolgirl April Bush, 17, also scooping the starter's obedience award from the Young Kennel Club with her three-year-old cross-breed Kez.

The Walmer Science College student said: "I'm very surprised and overjoyed. That was overwhelming. On a scale of one to ten I was about eight in terms of nerves, I was shaking."

"But it went well and it feels great to have won overall."

Meanwhile Kent Police took top honours at the South East Regional Dog Trials.

PC Sam Appleby and her police dog Victor were crowned overall winners at Sussex with 864 points out of 1,000.

The pair also won trophies for searching and obedience and now go on to the National Police Dog Trials in April, hoping to improve on last year's 8th place.

Sergeant Ian Warner, who is head of dog training, said: "This was a great result and stands us in good stead for the national trials. I hope our six national titles will soon be seven."



SPORT

Gills host TV fan show

SKY Sports made a visit to Priestfield during last weekend's crunch clash with Crewe.

The broadcaster's Take It Like A Fan show filmed during half-time of the League Two game, with presenters John Fendley and Bianca Westwood taking to the pitch.

Supporters got the chance to take part in football quiz challenges and take a penalty against goalkeeper Daren Hawkes.

Gillingham midfielders Charlie Lee and Danny Spiller also went head-



to-head in a quiz contest during the show.

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PUZZLE: Sherlock Holmes has to solve the mysterious death of a naked tramp found at Scotney Castle

Scotney Castle death Sherlock's latest case

By Nick Ames

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HISTORIC Scotney Castle is the latest site to benefit from the renewal of interest in all things Sherlock Holmes.

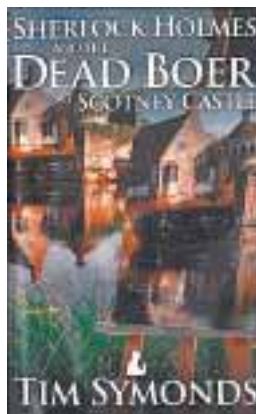
Following BBC One's hit series which brings the great detective and his assistant Dr John Watson into the 21st century, and Robert Downey Jr and Jude Law's all-action big screen take on the duo, they are now back on the printed page in a new adventure.

Tim Symonds' novel Sherlock Holmes and the Dead Boer at Scotney Castle has just been published by MX Publishing.

Set in 1904, the book sees Holmes and Watson take the train to The Weald to address the mysterious Kipling League at a manor house called Crick's End. Then a body is found – apparently a tramp who drowned while washing – at nearby Scotney Castle in Tunbridge Wells.

But what is the significance of the body being found in a shallow pond and not the moat? And why was the victim stripped? And why, on the corpse, are there no slashes or bruises or any signs of injury?

All these questions are answered in the book, which has a slightly unusual take on the original stories by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, in that Holmes and Watson have a major disa-



ELEMENTARY: Tim Symonds has penned new Holmes novel

greement, in fact several, throughout the book.

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Catholic owner Thomas Darrell hid Jesuit Father Richard Blount in the castle while he aided persecuted Roman Catholics from 1591 to 1598.

Catholicism was then illegal in England and during a second raid by authorities to arrest the Father he fled over a wall into the moat and escaped.

Another Darrell, Arthur, was known as a smuggler and is believed to have killed a customs man. His ghost is said to rise from the castle moat and hammer futilely on the door.

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OPINION

Sustaining the future of work

Spokesman for Kent Green Party **Steve Dawe** explains how using green energy and conservation techniques can help fill the jobs gap

THE closure of Kingsnorth power station is to be welcomed as, like all coal-fired power stations, it is a major source of pollution, specifically carbon dioxide, adding to global warming.

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But obstacles stand in the way of a zero carbon energy system for the UK.

Supporters of old, inefficient and polluting energy technologies like coal, gas and nuclear are resisting both energy efficiency and renewables as much as they can.

This is against the national interest because it pushes up energy imports and maintains pollution.

Our greenhouse gas emissions are still growing.

Our energy bills are rising due to a lack of price controls and a very poor commitment within the energy industry



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If every home, school and business is insulated over the next couple of decades, many jobs will be created

to either efficiency or renewable energy.

And fuel poverty will soon afflict six million households in this country unless radical steps are taken.

If this is not done, we face higher energy bills, more deaths each year from the cold, more pollution and the immense long-term costs of nuclear waste storage which make nuclear power the most expensive energy technology ever devised.

We do not have to do this.

At my home, we have cut our energy bills with loft and interior wall insulation, and by adding solar water heating which cuts our gas bill.

Later this year, we will add solar panels to cut our electricity bill.

We need our councils and our government to take the same approach to all our buildings, for the sake of all of us, and future generations.

KOS COMMENT

Public and water firms have to play their part

WITH all five water companies in Kent imposing a hosepipe ban in April we will all have to get used to being extra careful with our water.

It is easy to turn on a tap and assume water will always be there. It might even be fun trying out some of the ingenious ways people come up with saving water, like reusing water pumped out by the washing machine to water the garden.

However, water bills have consistently increased in recent years, so what is all that extra money being used for? The water companies need to speed up their installation of meters, continue to clampdown on leaks and invest in long term solutions to water shortages. Climate change means things are not going to get any better.

Happy Mother's Day

THIS weekend's Mother's Day has its origins in ancient Greece, although the modern incarnation has mainly come from America. Whatever the rights and wrongs of marketing chocolates and cards at dutiful children it's hard to begrudge a celebration of the bond between mother and child.

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Tax dodging is a cost to us all

WHEN the Budget is revealed on March 21, we will be asked to make sacrifices in order to deal with our economic woes.

At the same time, many multinational companies continue to avoid billions in taxes every year.

In spite of tough talk on cracking down on tax dodging the Government is planning on opening a new tax loophole, which will make it easier for multinationals to avoid paying their bills around the world.

ActionAid estimates that developing countries could lose £4 billion, money urgently needed to fight poverty, while the Treasury's own figures show the UK will lose £1bn a year.

When companies dodge taxes it is ordinary people who pick up the bill.

When these changes are debated in Parliament, I'm

calling on our MPs to make sure the Government urgently rethinks its plans.

J Gronow, Canterbury

Give us vote on gay marriage

THE debate about gay marriage is going to blow up in our faces. This is because Mr Cameron has joined the ranks of those who want to undermine our precious British culture, already under threat.

He may – unwittingly or purposely – destroy it.

I am not at all bigoted about homosexuality – I am very much in the centre of the political spectrum.

I always realised I could easily have been gay myself. Then, if that were the case, how would I feel about it?

That is conjecture.

So I ask your readers a key question: "If your son or daughter were gay, would you love them just the same?"

I would. No doubt you

would, too. So there is your answer as to how to treat homosexuals; treat them as others, love them as your neighbours.

But marriage is the union of one man and one woman for the procreation of children. Any other definition is an aberration.

I suspect this issue will become the most divisive ever dreamed up by a politician in modern Britain. And Mr Cameron will have the doubtful honour – really the shame – of thinking it a good idea and so promoting it.

Only a referendum can resolve it properly.

Geoffrey Clark, secretary, Ukip Gravesham branch, Meopham

Airport fight begins again

IN 2003 we fought off plans to build an airport at Cliffe. Now it looks like we have to do it all over again.

This time it could be Grain Hoo or really anywhere in the Thames Estuary.

Will the Government just stop worrying folks in this area again? Prime Minister David Cameron made a statement last year that there would be no new airport in this area. So what happened? How can we trust the government at all?

We do not need a new airport – just make the most of the ones we have.

A lot of people I know are finding another form of transport to take them to their holiday destination.

If a new airport were to be built it would be the kiss of death for all the villages and towns in this area. We would be unable to sell our homes.

What about trying to protect the beautiful countryside for our children and children's children?

By the time the Government have finished we will not have any countryside left in the area. They don't care because all the people pushing for this

airport to be built do not even live in this area. Also they can afford to move home to where ever they like.

We should be so proud of this area with all its natural beauty. Tourism would also be hit with planes every few minutes. People would not want to visit at all.

Another worry is all the extra pollution. I thought this government was suppose to be 'the greenest' yet?

Do the Government actually know what they are doing?

I urge all your readers to write to David Cameron asking him to drop the idea of building any sort of airport in this area at all, thank you.

Diane Parmenter, Rainham

Credit where credit not due

YOUR article on the increase in midwifery application credited the success of BBC's Call the Midwife as a major factor. The Ucas

application cycle finished on January 15, and correctly advised students would have had their applications in long before the deadline if they wanted to get the best chance of success.

The first episode of the show aired on the January 15, finishing just three hours before the deadline.

Our experience is that students that may have previously studied science or healthcare degrees are now considering such courses more carefully, as they attract a bursary from the NHS, thus avoiding some of the newly-raised fees (although there are changes from September).

They could also offer increased chances of employment at the end.

Kent students are fortunate to have excellent centres of study in midwifery in the South East, such as those mentioned at Canterbury Christ Church University.

David Wallace, careers and business partnerships manager, Hillview School for Girls, Tonbridge

Climate debate just old news

THE continual exchanges regarding climate change, between Roy Duff and Phil Granger are getting tiresome.

I believe it is an accepted fact, supported by evidence, climate change is occurring.

The crux of their continual argument seems to be whether or not human activity is the cause of it, or is causing it to occur more rapidly than it otherwise might have done.

One appears to be saying 'yes', the other 'no' and it is clear they're never going to change their respective positions, so the attempts of each of them to persuade the other are doomed to failure.

Christopher Hudson-Gool, Maidstone

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I WOULD like, through the pages of your newspaper, to say thank you to the people of Kemsley who voted for me at last week's by-election.

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Cllr Mike Whiting, Swale

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Support for small firms would drive our recovery, says FSB



By Nick Ames

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A SEPARATE Government body with a seat in the Cabinet to defend the interests of small businesses should be created at the heart of Whitehall, says the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) in the lead-up to this year's Budget.

Many Government departments deal with small-business policy, without one overall department thinking 'small first'.

In its Budget submission to Chancellor George Osborne, the FSB is proposing that an agency modelled on the Small Business Administration (SBA) in the US is established to ensure that the voice of small enterprise is not lost among competing Government priorities.

The FSB argues that, despite promises, successive UK governments have failed to fully appreciate the needs of the country's army of small businesses.

Members say too often the sector has seen temporary 'eye-catching' measures that

have had no tangible effect on the ground, creating frustration among the small-business community.

A UK Small Business Administration, backed by political will and built for the long term, would break that pattern and help small firms drive economic recovery in the UK.

Roger House, FSB chairman for Kent and Medway, said: "The Chancellor has made clear that there will be no big tax giveaways in this year's Budget and that it is up to the private sector to drive economic recovery by creating jobs and growth.

"The FSB argues that, in order to do that, the Government must think small first by giving the UK's 4.5 million small businesses a more prominent seat within Government.

"Through implementing a Small Business Administration, it would allow the Government to quickly implement policies aimed at helping small businesses – such as credit-easing – which firms have been waiting for since

the Autumn Statement. It would give the Government a channel through which it can advertise procurement opportunities and give expert help and advice on exporting as well as improve communication with small firms.

"All of this would in turn help to achieve growth."

The FSB believes that, if modelled on its US counterpart, a UK Small Business Administration could help facilitate small-business finance through measures such as credit-easing and finance to help export.

It could improve procurement opportunities for small firms to meet the Government's 25 per cent aspiration and provide speedy disaster assistance for businesses hit by circumstances outside their control, such as last year's rioting.

Critically, the SBA would challenge other departments to rethink policies that could hurt small-business interests as well as coordinate Government agency communication with small firms – a big weakness in the current arrangements.

RETIREMENT

Budget threat to our tax-free pension cash, warn experts

PENSION benefits are once again under threat from the Government, according to independent financial advisers Brunning Newman Houghton (BNH).

With the Budget due to be unveiled by Chancellor George Osborne on Wednesday, there have been a number of rumours circulating in the financial press as to what cuts or revenue-making regulations will be introduced.

David Brunning, director of BNH in Tunbridge Wells, said: "Of all these whispers from Whitehall, the two that our clients are most concerned about are the threat to tax-free cash – now more properly called the Pension Commencement Lump Sum or PCLS – and possible cuts to tax relief on contributions."

Currently, up to 25 per cent of an individual's pension fund can be taken as this tax-free lump sum from age 55, costing the Government an estimated £2.5 billion annually.

This has been reviewed by various governments and under proposals being considered by a powerful group

within the Coalition – Prime Minister David Cameron, Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg, Chief Secretary to the Treasury Danny Alexander and Osborne – the percentage could be reduced to a fixed monetary sum, if it is kept at all.

Brunning said: "Attacking the tax-free cash has always been an easy option for the Government. It would certainly raise revenue, but it is unclear how much [and] one has to look at the long-term effects.

"This follows limitation on pension contributions, recently cut from £255,000 per annum to £50,000, and a review on the income-tax relief granted on pension contributions.

"Against a background of volatile investment markets and falling pension annuity rates, the major attractions that encourage people to invest in pensions are the prospect of a tax-free lump sum at retirement and tax relief on contributions. If the Government removes these incentives, fewer people will be inclined to save for retirement."

AVIATION

Manston airport sale 'a chance to introduce proper planning'

NEWS that Manston airport is up for sale is confirmation that the local infrastructure is not sufficient to sustain an airport, according to one of the most respected campaign group in the country.

Manston's New Zealand owner, Infratil, announced it was selling the site because it wanted to "refocus its investment profile" and concentrate on retail, production and supplying gas and electricity.

The move puts 123 jobs at risk. The Campaign to Protect Rural England says the sale is an ideal chance for Thanet council to put into force planning regulations protecting the interests of residents, particularly in the issue of night flights, which Infratil wanted to introduce amid fierce local opposition.

A CPRE spokesman said: "Of course we are saddened to think that existing jobs at Manston might be put at risk, but it confirms our long-standing concerns that Manston has been unable to become a commercial

success for many reasons, not least its lack of infrastructure.

"Manston airport has consistently struggled to attract passengers and airline operators despite the massive amount of investment into it.

"If a fresh start means new operators are able to breathe new life into Manston, we sincerely hope Thanet District Council will take this as an opportunity to bring the operation under the proper control of a robust planning agreement to protect the interests of all of Thanet's residents.

"The prospect of intensification of night flights, while Manston airport has been unable to exploit its daytime capacity, has hung over the county for far too long."

Malcolm Kirkaldie was a member of the former watchdog Manston Airport Group. He said: "The former owners of the airport never fully addressed local complaints or issues.

"Developers who come into Thanet need to be accountable to the local community and put something back."

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C J Gallard's Almshouses Charitable Trust

The trust provides accommodation for residents of Tunbridge Wells who are over the age of 55 and of limited means. A loan of £150,000 will help the trust to enlarge the existing almshouse flats and to provide six extra homes.

Martha Trust

The Deal-based trust provides homes for life for people with profound disabilities.

A loan of £150,000 enabled the completion of a new house for eight people. A second loan of £637,500 will allow the trust to increase the number of residential and respite care places it offers.

Birchington United Services Club

This is a not-for-profit social club that anyone can join. The club wanted to free itself from loans that tied it to large breweries. Charity Bank's loan of £50,000 will enable it to do so.

Hospice of Hope Romania

Based in Otford, the charity raises funds to support terminally-ill patients in Romania. It borrowed £368,000 to buy a freehold property for its fund-raising activities – a tea room and charitable shop.

British Allergy Foundation

From its Sidcup base, the foundation offers support, practical help and advice to allergy-sufferers and their carers.

It received loan finance to help with two projects: £130,000 to improve fund-raising and £105,000 to set up a 'seal of approval' system for allergy-friendly products.

Folkestone Sports Centre Trust

The trust provides affordable sport and leisure activities to people in Folkestone.

As well as the general public, it works with disadvantaged youths, cardio patients and various community groups.

It needed to refurbish the sports centre and received £1,217,215 in two loans to help with the project.

Headcorn Village Hall

A new hall had been built, and Victorian schoolroom renovated, to accommodate a range of community activities and to allow for expansion. To manage its reserves and income, the charity borrowed £400,000.

Headway Tunbridge Wells and District

A branch of the national Headway brain-injury association, the charity borrowed £300,000 towards the cost of buying and refurbishing a day centre.

Maidstone Hockey Club

One of the oldest clubs in the country, it borrowed £300,000 to finance restoration of the clubhouse building.

Voluntary Action Within Kent

The organisation offers advice, information and support to groups whose work benefits the community, especially those working in education, health and the relief of poverty and distress.

It needed new premises after a merger and a loan of £200,000 helped buy and refurbish the property next door.

Everyone's a winner as people turn to ethical bank after the scandal

By Nick Ames

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THE reputation of bankers – especially those who continue to draw huge bonuses despite working for failing companies – has never been so low.

Depositors' funds used for speculation, toxic debts, mismanagement and bad investments have led to an estimated £850 billion of UK public money being used to bail out ailing banks over recent years.

But one company is approaching the whole issue of banking in a different way.

Charity Bank, which has its head office in Tonbridge, is a UK-regulated bank for deposit accounts only and also a registered charity that lends to charities, social enterprises and community groups.

It invests its money in loans to support charities, community projects and social enterprises and publishes details of every loan it makes. So far it has lent more than £165m to charities and social enterprises.

Interest is charged at 6.5 per cent for secured loans and 7.5 per cent for unsecured.

Almost uniquely since the global banking crisis started, it has seen its deposits grow as customers seek an alternative to established financial houses – and want to know their money is being reinvested for the benefit of society.

"We firmly believe there needs to be serious debate over the role of banking," said Malcolm Hayday, chief executive and founder of Charity Bank.

"The utility side which serves the real economy is important to people's lives and livelihoods.

"Casino banking [the practice whereby a commercial bank engages in speculative or risky financial activities with the aim of achieving high profits] is another thing entirely and should be entirely separate. We can see the results of such activity today."



FOR THE COMMUNITY: Malcolm Hayday, chief executive of Charity Bank

Charity Bank's balance sheet for the end of 2011 stood at just over £80m, up almost 20 per cent on the previous year.

Mr Hayday said: "Charity Bank has continued to grow, year on

year, since its inception and to achieve a surplus just before its 10th anniversary is a wonderful achievement.

"Continued success has allowed us to give much-needed financial

support to charities and not-for-profit organisations whose work is vital to the community. We are happy to be improving the lives of so many individuals and as the public increasingly choose us as a transparent alternative to traditional banks, this good work looks set to continue."

Charity Bank has benefited from consumers moving towards ethical alternatives and continued distrust of high-street banks. Since the start of the economic crisis, the bank has seen its deposit book grow by 200 per cent.

It has now approved more than 1,000 loans for organisations that high-street banks overlook; of them, 60 per cent have reached Government-designated disadvantaged communities.

The total value of agreed loans topped £26 million in 2011, with the average new loan value standing at £294,000. Of the projects supported, 40 per cent report it would not have been possible without the bank's financial assistance.

Their loan default rate remains less than 0.5 per cent despite the difficult financial environment that has reached all parts of society.

"The bank attracts investors who want to ensure their money is used for projects of community benefit," said Mr Hayday.

"There is now more than ever a greater need for facilities for disadvantaged groups and sustainable projects because of funding cuts.

"In the financial sector, the banks as a whole still have not understood the consequences of their reckless actions. Banks have a unique licence to operate and if the major ones cannot be allowed to fail they also have a unique responsibility.

"If they want there to be growing prosperity they have an obligation to communities not to be excluded. So they should offer more support for community projects and advice to customers – as well as stopping throwing credit cards and debt at people."

NETWORKING

The event where it's good (and helpful) to talk

SMALL businesses are invited to take time out to review their needs at a special event.

Kent networking group Bizlinx, along with other groups including Invicta Chamber of Commerce and Business Community Breakfast, has put together a Spring Review Event to be held at the

new SUSCON building near the Dartford Crossing on Thursday, March 22, the day after the Budget.

Bizlinx- Kent director Stuart Kenny said: "The event is an away-day for small companies and individuals to take time out to reflect on their company's needs.

"The problem is that often we are all too busy working to see the wood from the trees."

As well as having solicitors, accountants and representatives from the fields of banking, IT, marketing, finance and commercial insurance, the event includes seminars and workshops covering key issues.

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Training, courses and careers

Training nursery wins high praise

CHILDCARE experts have praised Canterbury College's childcare courses and new training nursery.

At the college's annual early years conference, more than 30 nursery and school workers were shown around the state-of-the-art nursery.

Facilities include areas where children can read, play and do arts and craft. There is also a kitchen where early years students learn to cook nutritious meals for youngsters.

The conference began with a talk from Professor Trisha Maynard, a leading name in the childcare industry, who spoke about the benefits of outdoor playing and learning for children.

Sandra Langley, section manager of early years and play work at Canterbury College, said: "The nursery and school workers were extremely impressed with our nursery facilities, classrooms and the examples of student work on display."

"Professor Maynard was also amazed at the size of the college and was interested in forging further links with our section."

More than 120 of the college's childcare students were at the Early Years Conference which also featured a talk from BTEC childcare and education student Chloe Hogben.

She spoke about her visit to 10 Downing Street on behalf of charity Save the Children.

Students' brush up on decoration

PAINTING and decorating students gained valuable work experience after winning a contract to decorate part of their own college.

Led by Lewis White, 23, from Chatham, the six-strong team sacrificed their half-term holiday to refurbish three classrooms and a staircase at the Maidstone campus of MidKent College.

Maidstone campus site manager Michael Smith said: "It is excellent when students get involved in improving their own facilities because they are getting employment opportunities while the college benefits from their skills."

"Putting them through a full tendering process is great experience for them as it will be crucial for winning jobs in the future."

MidKent College vice principal Jane Jones is working to establish a new organisation called Entrain, which aims to help young people set up their own businesses and bid for work.

She said: "There are plenty of students who possess the ability and work ethic to run a successful business but yet don't know where to start. We believe schools and colleges have a duty to support young people and offer them work when possible."

Virgin looking for latest intake of apprentices

WOULD-BE apprentices who want to work in a modern industry are being sought by Virgin Media.

The company has a service centre in Gillingham where some of the successful applicants to this year's apprenticeship will be based and learn their trade.

The communications company is looking for 120 bright sparks eager to work hard and develop a new set of skills.

Virgin Media first rolled out its apprenticeship scheme four years ago across the company's Networks division, providing young people with the opportunity to earn while they learn.

Since its launch,

530 budding apprentices have joined Virgin Media's scheme, with nearly 700 expected by the end of the year.

Apprenticeship schemes are now a credible alternative to the traditional college and university option and offer young people a fast track route into the working world.

They provide a means of gaining skills, qualifications and hands-on work experience while earning money at the same time.

The new 12-month access field apprentice at Virgin Media will work towards the company's own, nationally recognised NVQ in communication technology.

The qualification has been designed to help the apprentices develop a mix of technical and customer engagement skills in a short time frame,

with a core focus on delivering a top quality customer experience.

Virgin Media apprentices gain hands-on experience of installing and disconnecting services, diagnosing and fixing faults as well as learning how to ensure the safety of Virgin Media's fibre optic network.

Once qualified, the apprentices will be responsible for installing and maintaining the firm's superfast broadband, phone and digital TV service for customers in Gillingham.

Peter Van-Den-Broeck, head of apprentice programmes at Virgin Media said: "Our field apprenticeship scheme is going from strength to strength,

with successful applications more than doubling each year since 2008.

"We are thrilled to be offering apprenticeships to switched-on youngsters in Gillingham – it's a fantastic opportunity for us to invest in the future of the business, while offering local youngsters a great start to their career."

Virgin Media has also created Virgin Media Pioneers, an online community for young entrepreneurs to learn, share and connect with business mentors. Sir Richard Branson and Virgin Media chief executive Neil Berkett have written to MPs around the country on behalf of Virgin Media Pioneers.

They want the Student Loans Fund changed to a Youth Investment Fund where loans at favourable rates are available as start-up capital for young entrepreneurs, not just as loans to prospective students.



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Schools & education

Travel students get a lesson at big Kent weekend

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They will meet and greet visitors and conduct surveys into levels of customer satisfaction and perceptions of visitors' My Kent Big Weekend experiences this Saturday and Sunday.

Visit Kent received a record 79,500 applications for the 16,500 free My Kent Big Weekend tickets to 123 visitor destinations and experiences available for this year's celebration of the county's tourism, leisure and hospitality businesses.

Providing work experience for young people interested in pursuing careers in the industry has been a key goal of the countywide event since it was launched six years ago.

This year the students taking part are from Mid Kent College, at Maidstone and Medway; KCollege, at Tonbridge and Ashford; Thanet College; the Future Schools Trust of Cornwallis Academy and New Line Learning Academy, Maidstone; and Herne Bay High School.

Tracey Parker, Visit Kent research manager co-ordinated the students' programme. She said: "The tourism industry offers great career opportunities for young people in a wide range of roles."

"My Kent Big Weekend provides students with hands-on experience at the frontline of delivering customer service and an insight into domestic tourism attractions. It also gives them the opportunity to take part in research and data analysis designed to help support our tourism industry."

Accountancy competition adds up for grammar school pupils

TONBRIDGE Grammar School beat off competition from 12 other Kent secondary schools in the 2012 regional heat of the ICAEW Business, Accounting and Skills Educational competition (BASE).

Teacher Josie Baker said: "I was delighted by how well our students did. I teach them all economics and try to make our lessons as practical as possible, to encourage students to apply their knowledge to real-life problems."

"The BASE competition was a great chance for my students to find out about an area of work that might interest them in future and they all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The day was very well organised and we would definitely like to bring a team or teams again in future."

BASE links schools, students and employers together in a bid to not only increase awareness of a career in chartered accountancy and finance, but to develop key employability skills in the future workforce.

Assuming the role of ICAEW chartered accountants, the students worked in teams of six to analyse, discuss and decide on the next



GOOD WITH FIGURES: St Olave's winning pupils

businesses steps of a fictional organisation before presenting their ideas to a panel of business professionals.

The runners up of the day were Hillview School for Girls in Tonbridge.

Tonbridge Grammar School will now go on to represent their region at the national final which takes place at the Hilton Metropole hotel, Birmingham on 28th June 2012.

And St Olave's Grammar School in Orpington will also be at finals after coming through the London heats.

Cheryl makes her mind up to back children's uni

BUCKS Fizz singer and TV presenter Cheryl Baker, has become the patron of the country's longest continuously-running children's university, which is run by Kent County Council.

Sevenoaks-resident Cheryl shot to fame when Bucks Fizz won Eurovision in 1981, and now she is backing the Kent Children's University.

The university's lead programme – Learning Destinations – offers children aged seven to 14, of all ability levels, the chance to gain accreditation for after-school learning and put these towards national certificates.

Cheryl said: "Schemes like Kent Children's University not only help boost attainment, but help with attendance, attitudes to learning and, perhaps most importantly, give the children self-confidence. These days confidence in your own abilities is so important, for everyone."

"I'm pleased to have been asked to become patron of Kent Children's University and I hope, if possible, to meet with the gold award winners and their families at the annual award event in July."

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Abbey Court School

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Occupational Therapist

to join and enhance our high calibre team

Medway Scale B2 - point 32 to 41 (£27,052 to £34,549)

(Full time - term time only - pro rata)

Abbey Court School is located on 2 sites; Rainham (Nursery and Primary) and Strood (Secondary and Further Education), and caters for pupils aged 3-19 with Severe Learning Difficulties. We are looking for an enthusiastic and experienced Occupational Therapist, with a professional and flexible approach. In essence, somebody with an interest in an educational setting who would like to work in a school committed to enabling pupils to reach their full potential.

Working hours are 37 hours p/w, term time only. Candidates should hold a relevant OT qualification. Benefits include: Local Authority pension scheme, induction training, performance management programme and Continuous Professional Development. Visits to the school are welcomed.

Due to the conditions and complex needs of the pupils at Abbey Court School, continuity and consistency of support is paramount and therefore candidates for all positions will need to commit to the full working hours of the post.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of appointment for post is subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

Closing Date: 23rd March 2012

Interview Date: 29th March 2012

For an application pack, or to make an appointment to visit, please contact Mrs Linda Taylor, Business Manager, Abbey Court School, Rede Court Road, Strood, Kent, ME2 3SP (01634 338236), stating the position for which you are applying.

Please note CV's will not be accepted.

KENT AUTISTIC TRUST



As a charitable Trust, we provide high quality services across Kent for adults with Autism Spectrum Conditions (ASC) and their families and are proud to offer individual, tailor made, person centred solutions of support of vocational and life skill services through our supported living, residential and day centres. The Trust encourages maximum independence, choice and use of community resources, within a supportive environment.

We are looking for enthusiastic, committed staff to provide support to people who want to live in their own home and live their own lives. The candidates need to be able to empathise with the Tenants issues and work well with families and friends who are part of the circle of support. The service is registered under Domiciliary care.

Supported Living Manager £25,306 - £ 28,421(NVQ4)

As every day is different, you must be an effective problem solver, an excellent communicator and organiser.

Ideally you have a good knowledge of working with people with autism and have experience to lead and support our excellent and experienced team to continue to provide an individualised service for every person who is paying for support. You will be 'hands on' for 2-3 days a week, must have or be willing to work towards NVQ level 4. Training and support will be given and for the right candidate this will be a dream job!

Closing date: 10.4.12

Interviews will be held on Monday, 16th of April 2012

Senior Support Worker £14,674 - £ 16,405 (NVQ 3)

If you believe that people have a right to have a life regardless of the barriers then this will be a dream job for you. Ideally you have worked with people with autism in the community or you must have at least a fascination and interest in autism. Equally important is that you are honest, caring, have good empathy and communication skills.

If you think you meet these criteria we would love to hear from you.

Training (induction week + mandatory training) and support will be provided.

Closing date: 10.4.12

Interviews will be held on Wednesday, 18th of April 2012.

For further information please contact Christine Edwards-Daem on 01634 405168.
An application pack can be downloaded from www.kentautistic.com.

As an equal opportunity employer with Investor in People status, we welcome applications from a wide section of the community. Applicants offered employment are subject to an enhanced criminal record check from the Criminal Records Bureau paid for by the Trust.



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Does this describe you? Do you have previous experience of management or team leadership as well as experience of working in a café and an understanding of the financial controls needed to run a business? Do you have a personal licence (this is preferred but not essential)? If you answered yes to all of these then we really want to meet you!

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PUBLIC/ COMMUNITY APPOINT

Career opportunities at MidKent College

MidKent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint outstanding individuals in the following areas:

Lecturer in Hair

Ref: T0367

Salary: £24,043 - £29,020 pro rata (dependent on qualifications and experience)
18.5 hours per week - fixed term Maternity Cover contract Medway

We are looking to recruit a passionate individual to teach assess and contribute to the development of Hair Design programmes on Levels 1 to 3. The applicant must have a relevant vocational/academic qualification and should hold or be willing to work towards a teaching qualification. Recent industry experience would be advantageous. Hourly paid positions also available.

Hourly Paid Lecturer in Electrical Installation

Ref: P0070

Hourly rate: £20.51 - £29.18 per hour (dependent on qualifications and experience)

We are looking to recruit an enthusiastic individual to deliver Electrical Installation to learners studying from level 1 to level 3. The ideal candidate will have a current knowledge and practical experience of the Building Services Industry, have sufficient teaching experience and educated to Level 3 or the equivalent in the relevant field. The successful candidate will hold an Advanced Craft Certificate, including Inspection and testing of Installations and possess either a D32/34 or A & V Awards and hold a recognised teaching qualification or be willing to work teaching and assessing qualifications.

Partnerships Administrator

Ref: TSN14

Salary: £15,891 - £19,464 per annum Fixed Term contract
Medway

We are looking to recruit an experienced administrator to join our busy Business Development Department. The successful candidate will work closely with the Partnerships Manager, processing and administering external contracts. The ideal candidate will have excellent ICT and communication skills.

Closing date: 12 noon Wednesday 28 March 2012

For an application pack and further details visit www.midkent.ac.uk or e mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively you may contact Human Resources on 01634 383102.

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with the College procedure.



PUBLIC/ COMMUNITY APPOINT



Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School
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School Laboratory Technician

School Laboratory Technician (Biology)

Grade: D2 - Salary: £15,039 - £19,126 per annum pro-rata (£11,248 - £14,304)

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We require a Laboratory Technician to work within the Biology Department at this highly successful grammar school from 16th April 2012.

You will be a motivated, conscientious and a reliable person able to work effectively as a member of a team as well as individually. Experienced in a laboratory environment with school technician experience an advantage.

Please contact the P A to the Executive Principal Mrs Jacqueline Harrison, 01634 844008 or visit our website www.sirjosephwilliamson.medway.sch.uk where further details and an application form can be downloaded.

We are committed to the safeguarding and wellbeing of children and any offer of employment will be subject to a satisfactory Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau check.

Closing date for applications - 25th March 2012

Interviews will take place week beginning - 26th March 2012



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Lecturer in Child Care

Ref: P0395

Salary: £24,043 - £29,020 pro rata (dependent on qualifications and experience)
18.5 hours per week - Medway

We are looking for knowledgeable and experienced candidates to deliver CACHE Child Care and Health and Social Care programmes at various levels. The successful candidates will have the ability to motivate students and be flexible and adaptable in their teaching methods. The applicants must have a relevant vocational/academic qualification and have, or be willing to work towards, a teaching qualification. Recent industry experience would be advantageous.

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PUBLIC/ COMMUNITY APPOINT

Westlands Academies Trust

WESTLANDS NURSERY

Johnson Road, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 1JS
requires**2 Early Years Practitioners
(NVQ 2 preferred)****One in the 2 -3 Year room from 9.00 am - 12.30 pm, Mon - Fri
(17.5 hours per week)****One in the 3 - 5 year room from 9.00 am - 3.30 pm, Mon - Fri
(30 hours per week)****Term time only**

(Salary according to experience: £6.68 - £7.30 per hour)

Applicants should have the necessary skills to support these young pupils to develop their skills and achieve their early learning goals
(Playwork practice qualification would be useful)

You are welcome to contact Melissa Prince (01795 430629) for a preliminary discussion or visit, if desired. Recruitment packs are available from Westlands Primary School

or online at www.westlands.org.uk.

Please note, we cannot accept CVs without an application form.

Closing date for applications: 19 March 2012; Interviews: 23 March 2012.*Westlands Academies Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to an enhanced CRB check.*

Tel: 01795 470862 Fax: 01795 477886

Email: lnp@westlands.kent.sch.uk**Head of School: Mrs L Pearson BSc Hons****Manager of Nursery: Mrs Melissa Prince**Westlands Academies Trust Westlands Avenue Sittingbourne Kent ME10 1PF
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Westlands Academies Trust



WESTLANDS SCHOOL

Westlands Avenue, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 1PF

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Applicants should be well educated, preferably to further education level, and have experience of giving support in the classroom, preferably as a Teaching Assistant, although other qualifications and personal/work experiences will be taken into account.

Employment will start after a one-week paid in-service training course. There will be a six-month probationary period.

8.25am - 3.20pm with 1 hr unpaid breaks, term time only plus 1 staff training day and 5 weeks paid holiday a year, or as relevant to years of service in a similar post.

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Tel: 01795 477475 Fax: 01795 479461

Email: swa@westlands.kent.sch.uk

Trust Principal: Mr J Whitcombe MA

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**THE NEW SCHOOL AT WEST HEATH
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- Full time term time only - 39 weeks
- Hours 1pm to 11pm Monday to Thursday and every 3rd Friday 10.30 to 4.30
- NVQ Level 3 or willingness to work towards

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2 Practitioners (NVQ Level 3),
2 Practitioners (NVQ Level 2)****All with baby room experience**

Room Leader £8.28 - £8.70; Level 3: £7.30 - £8.28; Level 2: £6.68 - £7.30 per hour.

Staff will be employed to either work Shift 1 or Shift 2 - Term time only.

Shift 1: 7.30 am - 1.00 pm; Shift 2: 12.30 pm - 6.00 pm (27.5 hours per week).

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The continuing growth of our business has resulted in vacancies for the following staff

**Staff Nurses (Ashford)
to work on our Flexi bank**

Closing date for applications - Friday 6th April 2012

Qualifications

Registered Nurse 1st Level

Evidence of continual professional development

ENB 998 Teaching and Assessing Course or equivalent (desirable)

To discuss these opportunities or to arrange an informal visit, please contact:

Debbie Burr - 01233 616201 Ext 86202

For job description and application form please contact:

Jo Edwards, East Kent Medical Services Ltd, The Spencer Wing,**QEOM Hospital, Ramsgate Road, Margate, Kent, CT3 4BG****Telephone: 01843 234556 • Fax: 01843 296333****E-mail: jo.edwards@thespencerwing.com**

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LECTURER IN PLASTERING

To raise aspirations, develop skills and deliver quality across a range of courses in the Programme Area.

Salary Scale: £25,589 - £30,205 for 37 hours per week, all year

**Closing date:
Wednesday 28th March 2012**


**Interview Date:
Tuesday 17th April 2012**

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LEARNING SUPPORT PRACTITIONERS- Behaviour, Emotional, Social Difficulties


To provide support for students on a 1:1 basis, or as a group and to work as a member of a team to support young people with a range of conditions with a focus on behaviour and emotional, social difficulties.

SALARY SCALE: £9,800 - £10,543 FOR 30 HOURS PER WEEK, 38 WEEKS PER YEAR

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Part time Staff Nurses Ashford/Margate

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Qualifications
Registered Nurse 1st Level
Evidence of continual professional development
ENB 998 Teaching and Assessing Course or equivalent (desirable)
To discuss these opportunities or to arrange an informal visit, please contact:

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NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE RESTRICTED BYWAY ZSX60, SHEERNESS

RESTRICTED BYWAY ZSX60, SHEERNESS (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
SECTION 14(3), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Restricted Byway ZSX60 (on the seawall Esplanade) between the Sailing Club and 124 Marine Parade, Cheyney Rock from the 30th March 2012.

The route will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen before 11 May 2012.

The route is to be closed because works are planned on or near it and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route for pedestrians is via a ramp beside the Sailing Club, east along Marine Parade and up the steps back onto the Esplanade, other users can continue along Marine Parade to Barton's Point. These routes will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For further enquiries please contact: Michael Ellis.

PROW - In the District of Thanet

NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH TMX13 IN MARGATE

PUBLIC FOOTPATH TMX13 (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
SECTION 14(3) AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Public Footpath TMX13 between Hartdown Road and NGR TR 349 700 a distance of approximately 170 metres from the 2nd April 2012

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months.

The path is to be closed because works are planned on and near it and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route is via a temporary diversion located 25 metres east of TMX13 which will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For further enquiries please contact: Louise Adams

PROW - In the Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF MODIFICATION ORDER WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATHS MT417 & MT418, HILDENBOROUGH)

DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2011

On 8 March 2012 the Kent County Council confirmed the above Order.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by adding:-

Public Footpath MT417 which commences at its junction with Public Bridleway MT52 at NGR TQ 5801 4929 (Point A) and runs in a south south westerly direction for 37 metres, west south westerly for 24 metres thence south westerly for 294 metres to NGR TQ 5781 4901 (Point B). The path then turns to run in a south south easterly through south easterly direction for 320 metres to its connection with Public Footpath MT37 (at a point 10 metres north of the foot bridge) at NGR TQ 5798 4876 (Point C). The path has a width of 1.5 metres.

Public Footpath MT418 which commences at its connection with Public Bridleway MT52 at NGR TQ 5816 4920 (Point D) and runs in a south south westerly direction to the north western side of the boundary for 138 metres to its connection with Public Footpath MT37 at NGR TQ 5811 4908 (Point E). The path has a width of 2.6 metres

All distances are approximate, all directions are general.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and Map may be seen free of charge during normal office hours at the offices of Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and Map may also be purchased there.

This Order came into force on 8 March 2012, but if a person aggrieved by the Order desires to question the validity thereof or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of Section 53(3)(c)(i) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, or that any of the requirements of Schedule 15 to the Act have not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the Order, he or she may, under Paragraph 12 of Schedule 15 to the Act, within 42 days from 18 March 2012 make an application for the purpose to the High Court.

Countryside Access Service
Kent County Council
Invicta House
County Hall
Maidstone
Kent
ME14 1XX

Dated: 18th March 2012

This document is available in alternative formats and can be explained in a range of languages.

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PLANNING

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR
PLANNING PERMISSIONNOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE)
(ENGLAND) ORDER 2010**KCC/MA/0054/2012 - Proposed development
at Oakwood House, Oakwood Park, Maidstone,
Kent, ME16 8AE**

Kent County Council is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for change of use from a training centre with overnight accommodation to a hotel (use class C1) with ancillary training facilities including use for a D1 provision of vocational training.

You may view this application at Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6JQ.

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE)
(ENGLAND) ORDER 2010
AND UNDER THE PLANNING (LISTED BUILDING
AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990**KCC/SE/0060/2012 - Proposed development
at Four Elms Primary School, Bough Beech Road,
Four Elms, Edenbridge, Kent, TN8 6NE**

Four Elms Primary School is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for a single storey extension to front entrance and rear extensions to 2 classrooms and the rear lobby/cloakroom area. A new canopy and some changes to existing windows are also proposed. The proposed development does not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated. The proposed development could affect the setting of a nearby listed building.

You may view this application at Sevenoaks District Council, Council Offices, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1HG or at the Edenbridge Surgery, (Thursdays only), adjoining Edenbridge Leisure Centre, Stangrove Park, Edenbridge, Kent, TN8 5LU.

THE PLANNING (LISTED BUILDING AND
CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990**KCC/CA/0062/2012 - Proposed development
at Herne C of E Junior School, School Lane, Herne,
Herne Bay, Kent, CT6 7AL**

Herne C of E Junior School is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for a proposed single storey extension. The proposed development is near the Herne Conservation Area and could affect its character and/or appearance. The proposed development is also near a public right of way.

You may view this application at Canterbury City Council, Canterbury Main Office, Military Road, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1YW or Herne Bay Office, William Street, Herne Bay, Kent, CT6 7AL.

Alternatively, details of the application can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours. Please note that our website will be unavailable between 12 noon on Friday 16 March until the end of Sunday 18 March 2012. Whilst maintenance is undertaken during this period, you can use an alternative website at <http://host1.atriumsoft.com/ePlanningOPSKent/searChPageLoad.do>

If you have any problems accessing this website please contact the Planning Applications Group on 01622 221061.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX within 24 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons and may include publishing on the Borough/District Council website.

Sharon Thompson
Head of Planning
Applications Group
Kent County Council
Dated: 18 March 2012



Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

12/00551/FUL Total Fina Pantiles Service Station, Broadwater

- Variation of condition 16 of TW/90/01434; Redevelopment of existing petrol filling station - to amend operating hours of store to 24 hour trading Monday to Sunday (CA)

12/00597/FUL Garages & Land Rear Of 21 - 23 Eridge Road, Broadwater

- Demolition of existing garages and construction of two detached houses (CA)

12/00598/CAC Garages & Land Rear Of 21 - 23 Eridge Road, Broadwater)

- Conservation Area Consent - Demolition of existing garages (CA)

12/00577/FUL Postern Park Postern Lane, Capel

- Change of use of parcel of land to front of house from agricultural to residential. Repositioning of access driveway and erection of traditional 'estate' fencing (painted black) to part of south western boundary of garden (LB)

12/00533/FUL 4 Clancricarde Gardens Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden

- Permanent change of use of the whole building to Children's Nursery (Class D1) for a maximum of 55 children aged between 6 months and 5 years, and use the rear of property as a children's play area; Wooden buggy park at rear; Construction of a ramped access to the property (CA)

12/00628/FUL Tesco Tunbridge Wells Metro 29 Grosvenor Road, Culverden

- Alterations to elevations (CA) (LB)

12/00553/HOUSE Underhill Bedgebury Road, Goudhurst

- Two storey extension with first floor windows to side (north and south) elevations and first floor Juliette balcony with french doors to rear and alterations (LB)

12/00592/HOUSE Ockley Mill Farm Ockley Lane, Hawkhurst

- Demolition of existing building and erection of ancillary recreation rooms, garaging and storage (LB)

12/00595/LBC Ockley Mill Farm Ockley Lane, Hawkhurst

- Listed building consent - Demolition of existing building and erection of ancillary recreation rooms, garaging and storage (LB)

12/00609/HOUSE The Poplars Green Road, Horsmonden

- Single storey oak framed orangery extension replacing existing conservatory and replacement doors (CA)

12/00616/FUL Lamberhurst Vineyard Furnace Lane, Lamberhurst

- Conversion of restaurant to office accommodation (CA) (LB)

12/00649/LBC Coggers Farm House The Broadway, Lamberhurst

- Listed Building Consent - Internal alterations to create a new cloakroom and W.C. to rear of dwelling; Removal of part of wall between living room and old shop unit (LB)

12/00656/LBC York House 71 - 73 High Street, Pantiles & St Marks

- Listed Building Consent: Hang new frame, ledged and braced door in the approved infill for the undercroft (LB)

12/00058/FUL 50B Grove Hill Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park

- Amalgamation of garage into enlarged kitchen (CA)

12/00497/HOUSE Shandon House Pembury Road, Park

- Conversion of garage to gym and conversion of carport to garage (CA)

12/00604/FUL Garage Block Adj 4 Calverley Park Gardens, Park

- Demolition of garages and construction of one detached house (CA) (LB)

12/00614/HOUSE Appletree Cottage Camden Park, Park

- Renovation of existing property, two storey extension to southern front elevation and orangery to west side elevation (CA) (LB)

12/00621/CAC Garage Block Adj 4 Calverley Park Gardens, Park

- Conservation Area Consent - Demolition of garages (CA)

12/00660/HOUSE 20 Cambridge Street Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park

- Removal of existing conservatory and erection of two-storey rear infill extension (CA)

12/00585/FULMJ Tesco Pic Pembury Road, Pembury

- Erection of a temporary A1 (Food) and temporary use of land for retail car park (MAJOR)

12/00569/FUL Hartridge Manor Farm Paley Lane, Sissinghurst C/O Cranbrook Parish

- Solar panel array on agricultural land (LB)

12/00613/FUL The Malt House Dorothy Avenue, Sissinghurst C/O Cranbrook Parish

- Demolition of existing wood-mill and erection of three new dwellings (LB)

12/00503/LBC David Salomons Estate Broomhill Road, Southborough Town Council

- Listed Building Consent: New heating pipework enclosed within boxwork in connection with the installation of a biomass boiler (LB)

12/00537/LBC The Oast House Pennington Road, Southborough Town Council

- Listed Building Consent: Garden room extension (LB)

12/00659/FUL 15B Church Road Southborough, Southborough Town Council

- Variation of condition 3 of TW/11/02592: Change of use from B1/B8 to D2 (retrospective) relating to opening hours - amend to Monday to Thursday, open til 8pm; Friday and Saturday - open til 9pm; Sunday - open til 6pm (CA)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgejwells.gov.uk), at The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgejwells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
Head of Planning Services
Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS
Dated: 17 March 2012

THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Town and Country Planning Act
Notice of Applications

MA/11/0072/S - 3, WALNUT TREE COTTAGES, HIGH STREET, YALDING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 6HX - Application for listed building consent to move kitchen to modern extension, demolish stud wall within modern extension, install new toilet under the stairs, replace flooring through ground floor, repoint part of the chimney stack and repair/replace flashing, and re-align guttering. **Reason: 3**

MA/11/0278/S - UNIT 2 CLINTON BUSINESS CENTRE, LODGE ROAD, STAPLEHURST, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 0QF - Change of use of building from B1/B2 to B8 and insertion of a mezzanine floor as shown on Drawing No 7913_00 and scale 1:1250 site location plan and supported by applicants statement received on 24 February 2011. **Reason: 3**

MA/11/2108/N - THE OLD SCHOOL, 92A, MELVILLE ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT - Change of use of existing dormitory building into 10 residential bedsits (with no external building works). **Reason: 6**

MA/12/0203/N - EYHORNE MANOR, MUSKET LANE, HOLLINGBOURNE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1UU - An application for prior approval for the installation of 8.5m high timber pole and associated wires. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/12/0212/N - YELSTED COURT FARM, YELSTED LANE, SITTINGBOURNE, KENT, ME9 7UT - Application for listed building consent to replace kitchen windows with French Doors. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/0233/S - SMITHS HALL, LOWER ROAD, WEST FARLEIGH, KENT - Construction of an underground woodchip store. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/12/0264/S - VERRALLS BARN, ST ANNS GREEN LANE, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9AQ - Demolition of remaining fire damaged elements of the existing dwelling and erection of a replacement replica dwelling. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0268/N - 21, UNION STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1EB - Change of use from Class A1 to a beauty parlour (specialising in hair removal) with ancillary sales of related products. **Reason: 2**

MA/12/0269/S - VERRALLS BARN, ST ANNS GREEN LANE, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9AQ - Listed building consent for the demolition of the remaining fire damaged elements of the existing dwelling. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/0271/N - RUBY, CHATHAM ROAD, SANDLING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 3AY - Retrospective application for the change of use of residential care home to single dwelling. **Reason: 9**

MA/12/0277/S - SUSANS FARM, MARDEN THORN, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9LJ - Conversion of barn to residential accommodation ancillary to the main dwelling. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0309/S - LAND TO THE EAST OF BERESFORD COTTAGE, THE QUARRIES, BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA, KENT - Retention of outbuilding indicated to be demolished under MA/07/1774 for use as ancillary to dwelling house. **Reason: 2**

MA/12/0324/S - RHENCULLEN, BRIDGE STREET, LOOSE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0BY - Retrospective application for hard landscaping works to rear garden (re-submission of MA/11/1872). **Reason: 2**

MA/12/0346/S - FORMER HORTICULTURAL UNIT HADLOW COLLEGE, OAKWOOD PARK, TONBRIDGE ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME16 8AW - Variation of condition 11 of planning permission MA/10/0485 which currently reads: - No work shall take place on the development site until the junction works as shown in principle on drawing number DHA/T0044/01 Rev A has been carried out in accordance with the design and specification to be approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and to implemented to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority. To read: - The junction works shown in principle on drawing number DHA/T0044/01 Rev A shall be carried out in accordance with the design and specification to be approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and shall be implemented to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority prior to the occupation of any part of the development. **Reason: 6**

Reasons for advertisement key:

- 1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
- 2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
- 3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
- 6 - Application is Major Development.
- 9 - Application does not accord with the Local Plan.

Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **1st April 2012**, quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 18th March 2012



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PLANNING



Planning applications

Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995
Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990
Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

- CA/12/00053/LUE: Northolm Lodge, Rose Lane, Bishopsbourne, CT4 5JN Certificate of existing lawful use for occupation of dwelling without compliance with condition 05 of planning permission ES/6/71/446 (agricultural occupancy conditions). **Applicant: Mr R Chew**
Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00078/FUL: Broome Quarry House, Canterbury Road, Barham, CT4 6QU Application for a new planning permission to replace planning permission CA/09/0072/FUL for alterations and extensions to dwelling and erection of detached garage in order to extend the time limit for implementation. **Applicant: Mrs Ellen Kent** Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00089/FUL: Land corner of Essex Street and Forge Lane, Whitstable Demolition of hall and erection of pair of semi-detached dwellings and one single bed unit. **Applicant: JDS Homes Ltd** Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00090/CAC: Land corner of Essex Street and Forge Lane, Whitstable Demolition of hall in connection with redevelopment of site to provide one pair of semi-detached dwellings and one single bed unit. **Applicant: JDS Homes Ltd** Reason: Demolition of unlisted building in conservation area.
- CA/12/00127/FUL: 28 Station Road, Herne Bay, CT6 5QJ Coating of roof tiles to materially alter the appearance of the dwelling. **Applicant: Mr P Harris** Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00130/FUL: 40 Spenser Road, Herne Bay, CT6 5QN Replacement UPVC windows to front of dwelling. **Applicant: Mrs Hazel Halford** Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00137/FUL: Land rear of 7 Victoria Road, Canterbury, CT1 3SG Erection of detached dwelling. **Applicant: Dr C R H Jubber** Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00158/FUL: The Canterbury Steiner School, Perry Court, Garlinge Green, Chartham, CT4 5RU Redevelopment of school to provide 12 dwellings including alterations to listed buildings. **Applicant: The Canterbury Steiner School** Reason: Major and affects setting of a listed building.
- CA/12/00159/LB: The Canterbury Steiner School, Perry Court, Garlinge Green, Chartham, CT4 5RU Alterations to existing farmhouse and Oast. **Applicant: The Canterbury Steiner School** Reason: Work to a listed building.
- CA/12/00160/OUT: Land adjacent Thanet Way, Whitstable Development comprising public open space, church, indoor sports facilities, business park and associated landscaping and access. (Outline application) **Applicant: George Wilson Developments** Reason: Contrary to development plan and major.
- CA/12/00173/FUL: Land on north side of St Radigund's Street between No. 23 and the River Stour, Canterbury Installation of two photo voltaic arrays with a switch gear housing. **Applicant: The Abbots Mill Project CIC** Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00211/FUL: 19 Joy Lane, Whitstable, CT5 4LT Insertion of dormer window in eastern roof slope and rooflight in western roof slope of dwelling. **Applicant: F Raymond** Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00246/FUL: 45A High Street, Bridge, CT4 5JZ Single-storey rear extension. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs J Paterson** Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00251/ADV: St Lawrence Cricket Ground, New Dover Road, Canterbury, CT1 3NZ Erection of two sided illuminated totem sign. **Applicant: Kent County Cricket Club** Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00263/TPO: Elms Court, 46 New Dover Road, Canterbury, CT1 3DT Crown thinning and reduction of Yew tree subject of TPO No 5 of 1994. **Applicant: Elms Court** Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00271/FUL: Land south west of Denstead Manor, Denstead Lane, Chartham, CT4 7NL Installation of ground mounted array of photo voltaic panels. **Applicant: Mr Kingsman** Reason: Affects the setting of a listed building.
- CA/12/00280/FUL: 2 Leggetts Lane, Whitstable, CT5 1AW Installation of flue. **Applicant: Mrs Houston** Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00285/FUL: 66 Stanley Road, Herne Bay, CT6 5SJ Removal of part of front wall and formation of hardstanding. **Applicant: J Young** Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00288/FUL: Pilgrims Mede, Summer Hill, Harbledown, CT2 8NJ Erection of a pair of semi-detached dwellings accessed from Lanfranc Gardens. **Applicant: William King Homes Ltd** Reason: Conservation area.
- CA/12/00412/LB: 45A High Street, Bridge, CT4 5JZ Single-storey rear extension. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs J Paterson** Reason: Work to a listed building.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to development.control@canterbury.gov.uk to arrive on or before **Monday 9 April 2012**.

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration
Friday 16 March 2012

PREMISES/ GOODS LICENCES



TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

Swale Borough Council as Local Planning Authority has received the following applications which are being advertised to ascertain the views of persons living near the sites and other interested parties. The proposed developments relate to one or more of the following:

1. The site of the application is within/affecting a designated Conservation Area (Section 73) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
 2. The proposed development may affect the Listed Building or its setting.
 3. The application is for a Major Development.
- REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 2nd APRIL 2012**
SW/11/1447:
Extension, single storey study/bedroom - 1 Upper Bannister Hill Cottage, BORDEN; **REASONS 1 & 2**
SW/11/1621:
Erection of two dwellings - Little Radfield Orchard, London Road, TONGE; **REASON 2**
SW/12/0247:
Single storey side extension - Wickham House, TUNSTALL; **REASON 1**
SW/12/0265:
Demolition of existing care home, residential property (451 Minster Road) and part of garage court to rear. Proposed erection of a phased new-build care home - Barton Court, New Road, MINSTER; **REASON 3**
SW/12/0267:
Single storey side/rear extension and conversion of loft - 21 Abbey Road, FAVERSHAM; **REASON 1**
Particulars of the proposal(s) can be obtained from Planning Services, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, where copies of the applications and all documents submitted with them may be inspected during office hours; any representations should be made in writing to this address.

James Freeman
Head of Planning

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WATER INDUSTRY ACT 1991
SOUTH EAST WATER LIMITED
TEMPORARY BAN ON WATER USE

South East Water gives notice that, pursuant to sections 76 and 76A-C of the Water Industry Act 1991, it prohibits from the beginning of 5 April, throughout its entire area of supply (extending across parts of Kent, Surrey, Sussex, Hampshire and Berkshire), the following uses of water supplied by it, subject only to the concessions here specified:

Prohibition	Concession
(a) Watering a garden using a hosepipe, other than for health and safety reasons	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• By persons over 65• By persons who have a disabled person's badge (known as a "blue badge") issued under the Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (England) Regulations 2000• Watering of newly laid turf for first 28 day period• Watering with water efficient watering systems drip or micro irrigation• For national and international sports events
(b) Cleaning a private motor-vehicle (or a trailer for such a vehicle) using a hosepipe	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• By businesses specialising in hand car washing that use hosepipes as part of their processes
(c) Watering plants on domestic or other non-commercial premises using a hosepipe	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• By persons over 65• By persons who have a disabled person's badge (known as a "blue badge") issued under the Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (England) Regulations 2000• Watering with water efficient watering systems drip or micro irrigation
(d) Cleaning a private leisure boat using a hosepipe	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• By small commercial operators by agreement with South East Water• Cleaning of a vessel used as a primary residence• Where fouling is causing increased fuel consumption• Removal of graffiti• Cleaning engines designed to be cleaned with a hosepipe
(e) Filling or maintaining a domestic swimming or paddling pool	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pools with a water conservation recycling system
(f) Drawing water, using a hosepipe, for domestic recreational use	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No concessions
(g) Filling or maintaining a domestic pond (manmade or natural) using a hosepipe	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The topping up of an established domestic pond if the welfare of fish in the pond is at risk
(h) Filling or maintaining an ornamental fountain (including a cascade or any other display of moving water, and includes filling by permanent plumbing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No concessions
(i) Cleaning walls, or windows, of domestic premises using a hosepipe, other than for health and safety reasons	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• By small commercial operators whose businesses depend on work involving this, by agreement with South East Water• Very low water use technologies• Cleaning apparatus not connected to mains water supply• Removal of graffiti
(j) Cleaning paths or patios using a hosepipe, other than for health and safety reasons	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• By small businesses whose sole operations are cleaning of hard standing, by agreement with South East Water• By businesses where dust suppression is a requirement• Removal of graffiti• Low water use technologies
(k) Cleaning other artificial outdoor surfaces using a hosepipe, other than for health and safety reasons	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• By small businesses whose sole operations are cleaning of hard standing, by agreement with South East Water• By businesses where dust suppression is a requirement• Removal of graffiti• Low water use technologies

For the meaning of certain terms used in this notice and specific exceptions from the prohibitions, see the Water Use (Temporary Bans) Order 2010. Amongst other things, that Order defines:

- (a) using a hosepipe to include both drawing water supplied by South East Water at the time of the prohibition through a hosepipe from a container and also filling or partly filling a container with such water by means of a hosepipe;
- (b) garden to include a park, gardens open to the public, a lawn, a grass verge, an area of grass used for sport or recreation, an allotment garden as defined in section 22(1) of the Allotments Act 1922, any area of allotment used for non-commercial purposes and any other green space; and
- (c) health and safety to include removing or minimising any risk to human or animal health or safety and preventing or controlling the spread of causative agents or disease.

For the purposes of the prohibitions relating to the use of a hosepipe, the prohibitions apply whether or not any device such as a sprinkler is attached to the hosepipe.

Any person who contravenes any of these prohibitions is guilty of an offence, and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £1,000.

Representations concerning any of these prohibitions may be made in writing by 29 March 2012 to Lee Dance at South East Water, Rocfort Road, Snodland, Kent ME6 5AH. If, as a result of such representations, South East Water decides to vary any terms of the prohibition, a further notice will be published. Subject to this, the prohibitions will have effect from the beginning of 5 April and will remain in force until further notice.

Further details concerning the prohibitions and actions concerning the current drought may be found on South East Water's website at www.southeastwater.co.uk

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**BLACKWALL ROAD, ASHFORD
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of the installation of a new electricity supply cable, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Blackwall Road, Ashford, on or after 19 March 2012 for up to 5 weeks as shown below.

BLACKWALL ROAD NORTH will be closed between the junctions with Kennington Road and Blackwall Road from 19 March 2012 for up to 3 days.

The alternative route is via A2070 Kennington Road and Blackwall Road South.

BLACKWALL ROAD will be closed between the junctions with Blackwall Road North / South and Goodcheap Lane from 22 March 2012 for up to 4 weeks.

The alternative route is via Blackwall Road North/South, A2070 Kennington Road, The Street, Hinxhill Road, Naccolt Road, Blackwall and Blackwall Road.

**SNARGATE ROAD, KENARDINGTON
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to provide a new electricity supply, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Snargate Road, Kenardington, on or after 19 March 2012 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of Higham Farm. The alternative route is via Kenardington Road, B2080 The Street, Station Road (Rhee Wall), Arrowhead Lane, Hogg Lane and Snargate Road.

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

**BOGSHOLE LANE AND GOLDEN HILL, WHITSTABLE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Bogshole Lane and Golden Hill, Whitstable, on or after 19 March until 28 March 2012 inclusive, apart from Sunday.

The planned work times are between 7.00 am and 7.00 pm each day, with the roads re-opened outside these hours.

The roads will be closed in phases between the junctions with Clapham Hill and Eversleigh Rise, as signposted on site.

The alternative route is via A290 Clapham Hill and A2990 (Old) Thanet Way.

Access will be maintained whenever it is safe to do so, but there are likely to be times when this is not possible, due to the use of machinery.

**BROOMFIELD ROAD, HERNE AND BROOMFIELD
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Broomfield Road, Herne and Broomfield, on or after 19 March 2012 for up to 5 days between 7.00 am and 7.00 pm.

The road will be closed in phases between the junctions with Mill Lane and Margate Road, as advised locally and signposted on site.

The alternative route for through traffic is via Mill Lane, Hunters Forstal Road and Margate Road. Local signposted diversions are likely to be in place for some of the works.

**CASTLE ROAD & KINGSDOWN PARK, WHITSTABLE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of sewer relining works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Castle Road & Kingsdown Park, Whitstable, on or after 2 April 2012 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

Castle Road will be closed to the north of the junction with Northwood Road.

The northern section of Kingsdown Park will be closed at its eastern junction near **Kingsdown Lodge**, with access maintained from Northwood Road up to the point of closure.

The alternative route for through traffic is via Tankerton Road, the southern section of Kingsdown Park and Northwood Road.

There will be temporary traffic lights at the junction of Castle Road, Northwood Road and Kingsdown Park.

**CHURCH LANE AND HIGHSTEAD, CHISLET
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

To enable high-friction road surfacing works to be carried out, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Lane and Highstead, Chislehurst, on or after 2 April 2012 for up to 2 days, as signposted on site.

CHURCH LANE will be closed to the north of the north junction with Chitty Lane

The alternative route is via Hollow Road and Old Tree Road.

HIGHSTEAD will be closed to the north of Highstead Farm.

The alternative route is via Highstead via Ford Hill, Maypole Lane and Old Tree Road.

The closures are between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm each day. Only one road will be closed at any one time.

**HOADES WOOD ROAD, STURRY
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Hoades Wood Road, Sturry, on or after 26 March 2012 for up to 3 days, between 7.00 am and 7.00 pm.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Babs Oak Hill and Cedar Road.

The alternative route is via Babs Oak Hill, A28 Island Road, Homewood Road and Cedar Road.

**LONDON ROAD, CANTERBURY
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to replace the high-friction carriageway surfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on London Road, Canterbury, on or after 2 April 2012 for up to 2 nights, between 8.00 pm and midnight each night.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the zebra crossing, near the junction with the A290 St Dunstan's Street / Whitstable Road.

The alternative routes are
Eastbound via Rheims Way, St Peter's Place and St Dunstan's Street

Westbound via A290 Whitstable Road, St Thomas Hill, Rough Common Road, Palmers Cross Hill, A2050 Harbledown By-pass and London Road.

**MERCERY LANE, CANTERBURY
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to provide a new water supply, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Mercery Lane, Canterbury, on or after 19 March 2012 for up to one week, or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with Buttermarket.

There is no suitable diversion, but there will be limited access from High Street / Parade up to the point of closure.

**B2205 SEA STREET, WHITSTABLE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to repair a street light fault, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on B2205 Sea Street, Whitstable, on or after 19 March 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

This closure will have the following effects on traffic in Whitstable.

SEA STREET - will be closed in the vicinity of The Sail Lotts.

- There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Red Lion Lane and Leggett's Lane.
- The alternative route is via Harbour Street.
- The One-way Traffic Order in respect of Sea Street will be suspended from the point of closure for access only.
- There will be No Right Turn from Sea Street into the northern junction with Harbour Street.

HARBOUR STREET - will be closed to westbound traffic from the western entrance to The Harbour.

- There will be no access to westbound through traffic between the junctions with Cromwell Road and The High Street. Access will be maintained up to The Harbour.
- The alternative route is via Cromwell Road, Oxford Street and High Street

- The One-way Traffic Order between the Woodlawn Street and High Street will be reversed, so that traffic flows eastbound from The High Street direction
- The bus stops will be moved to the north side of Harbour Street, with some parking will allowed on the south side

CROMWELL ROAD - will be closed to east bound traffic at the junction with Oxford Street.

- There will be no access into Cromwell Road from Oxford Street
- The alternative route is via Oxford Street, High Street, Harbour Street and Cromwell Road

HIGH STREET - Will be closed to southbound traffic at the junction with Terrys Lane

- Traffic will be routed via Harbour Street, Cromwell Road, Oxford Street and High Street

HORSEBRIDGE ROAD - The one-way order Traffic Order will be suspended to allow access from the junction with Red Lion Lane to the junction with Terrys Lane

RED LION LANE - There will be No Right Turn into Harbour Street.

VICTORIA STREET, ALBERT STREET & WOODLAWN STREET There will be No Left Turn into Harbour Street from each of these roads.

**ST ALPHEGE LANE & ST RADIGUND'S STREET,
CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of cable ducting in the carriageway, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on St Alphege Lane & St Radigund's Street, Canterbury, on or after 19 March 2012 as shown below.

ST ALPHEGE LANE will be closed from 19 March 2012 for up to 3 weeks.

The alternative route is via Palace Street, Orange Street and King Street.

PALACE STREET will be closed for 1-2 nights at the end of this 3-week period, as advised locally and signposted on site.

The alternative route is via King Street and Orange Street.

When Palace Street is closed the No Entry Order in respect of King Street, at the junction with Palace Street, will be suspended.

ST RADIGUND'S STREET will be closed from 10 April 2012 for up to 1 week.

The closure will be from the junction with Borough/ Northgate for a distance of approximately 30 metres.

The alternative route is via Northgate, Kingsmead Road, St Stephen's Road, The Causeway, Pound Lane and St Radigund's Street.

The One-way Traffic Order in respect of St Radigund's Street will be suspended whilst it is closed, between the junction with Knott's Lane and the point of closure to allow access, when the relevant signs are covered.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(ST DUNSTAN'S AREA, CANTERBURY)
(EXPERIMENTAL RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2012**

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above named Order under Sections 9 and 10 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The Order, which will be in force for a maximum experimental period of 18 months, will:

- Prohibit all motor vehicles from passing beneath the West Gate.**
- Prohibit southeast bound traffic on St Dunstan's Street between Westgate Grove and St Peter's Place except for buses and taxis.**
- Restrict traffic passing to the side of the West Gate to single file by the use of traffic signals, allowing all vehicles to pass northwest bound and buses and taxis only southeast bound.**
- Restrict southeast bound traffic on lower St Dunstan's Street and southwest bound traffic on North Lane to buses, taxis, cycles and vehicles requiring access.**
- Close Pound Lane at its junction with St Dunstan's Street, except for cycles.**
- Introduce a 20mph speed limit in lower St Dunstan's Street, Linden Grove and the Whitehall Road area, North Lane and part of St Peter's Place.**

- Introduce a 7.5T weight limit, except for loading, on all roads within the city walls, Northgate, London Road, St Dunstan's Street, Whitstable Road and A290 to its junction with A299 Thanet Way.**

- Remove parking bays in lower St Dunstan's Street.**

- Relocate taxi rank from St Dunstan's Street to North Lane.**

The Order was made on 16 March 2012 and will come into force on 27 March 2012.

The Highway Authority will be considering in due course whether the provisions of this experimental Order should continue in force indefinitely.

Any alterations to this Order which will render it less restrictive may be authorised by the Transportation Manager, without the requirement to re-advertise the Order, under section 10(2) of the Act, and after consultation with the chief officer of police.

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, and a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order, may be examined at the offices of Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury, CT1 1YW or at Ashford Highway Depot, Kent County Council, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD.

Representations to this Traffic Order should be made in the first 6 months of the experimental period. If you wish to support or object to the Experimental Order you should send the grounds for your objection in writing to the Transportation Manager, Kent County Council, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Ashford TN24 8AD or by email to td.eastkent@kent.gov.uk by noon on Friday 14 September 2012

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Dartford and in District of Sevenoaks

**VARIOUS ROADS, DARTFORD, DARENTH AND SOUTH DARENTH
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst an event is carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Various Roads in Dartford, Darenth and South Darenth as noted in schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 25th March 2012, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the event is planned to last 1 day between 09.00hrs - 12.00hrs. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: as noted in schedule 1.

Schedule 1

Road name:	Darenth Road, Dartford
Extent:	Southbound from David Lloyds Entrance
Diversion:	No diversion required closure will be in place for 10 minutes
Road name:	Powdermill Lane, Dartford
Extent:	Between its junctions with Darenth Road and Warwick Way
Diversion:	No diversion required closure will be in place for 10 minutes
Road name:	Warwick Way, Dartford
Extent:	Between its junctions with Powdermill Lane and Hawley Road
Diversion:	No diversion required closure will be in place for 10 minutes
Road name:	A225 Hawley Road, South Darenth
Extent:	Between its junctions with Warwick Way and Parsonage Lane
Diversion:	No diversion required closure will be in place for 10 minutes
Road name:	Parsonage Lane, Hawley/Darenth
Extent:	Between its junctions with Hawley Road and Roman Villa Road.
Diversion:	Signed Diversion route from Parsonage Lane roundabout to Darenth Hill roundabout (and vice versa) via Hawley Road, Princes Road and Green St Green Rd and the reverse

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Road name:	Darenth Hill, Darenth
Extent:	Between its junctions Roman Villa Road and Green Street Green Road.
Diversion:	B260 Green Street Green Road, A225 Princes Road, A225 Hawley Road, A225 Main Road and Devon Road
Road name:	Roman Villa Road, Darenth
Extent:	Between its junctions with Darenth Hill and Holmesdale Hill
Diversion:	A225 Hawley Road and A225 Princes Road
Road name:	Rabbits Road, South Darenth
Extent:	Between its junctions with Shrubbery Road and Canada Farm Road
Diversion:	Shrubbery Road, Holmesdale Hill, St Margarets Road and B260 Green Street Green Road
Road name:	Gills Road, South Darenth
Extent:	Between its junctions with Holmesdale Hill and B260 Green Street Green Road
Diversion:	B260 Green Street Green Road, A225 Princes Road, A225 Hawley Road, A225 Main Road and Devon Road
Road name:	Wilson Lane, South Darenth
Extent:	Between its junctions with Gills Road and Rabbits Road
Diversion:	B260 Green Street Green Road, A225 Princes Road, A225 Hawley Road, A225 Main Road and Devon Road
Road name:	Canada Farm Road, South Darenth
Extent:	Between its junctions with Three Gates Road and B260 Green Street Green Road
Diversion:	Valley Road, Fawkham Road and B260 Green Street Green Road
Road name:	St Margarets Road, Darenth ONE WAY from Homesdale Hill
Extent:	To B260 Green Street Green Road
Diversion:	B260 Green Street Green Road, A225 Princes Road, A225 Hawley Road, A225 Main Road and Devon Road
Road name:	St Margarets Road, Darenth
Extent:	closed at its junction with B260 Green Street Green Road
Diversion:	No diversion required closure will be in place for 10 minutes
Road name:	Darenth Hill
Extent:	Between its junctions with Roman Villa Road to B260 Green Street Green Road
Diversion:	B260 Green Street Green Road, A225 Princes Road and A225 Hawley Road
The purpose of the closure is to facilitate the event, Les Witton Dartford 10KM	

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

COOMBE VALLEY ROAD, DOVER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of a railway bridge safety inspection, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Coombe Valley Road, Dover, from 19 March 2012 at 10.00 pm until Tuesday 20 March at 6.00 am.

The road will be closed approximately 10 metres either side of the railway bridge.

The alternative route is via London Road, Crabble Hill, Crabble Road, Crabble Avenue, Hillside Road, Bunkers Hill Road, St Radigund's Road, Barwick Road and Coombe Valley Road plus Buckland Avenue, Cherry Tree Avenue and London Road for the eastbound diversion.

DOVER ROAD AND UPPER ROAD, GUSTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to refurbish bridges over the A2 Trunk Road, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Dover Road and Upper Road, Guston, as shown below.

DOVER ROAD will be closed from 19 March 2012 for up to 3 nights.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the bridge over the A2 Trunk Road.

The alternative route is via Dover Road, A258 Castle Hill Road, Deal Road, Hangman's Lane, The Lane and Dover Road.

UPPER ROAD will be closed from 22 March 2012 for up to 2 nights.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the bridge over the A2 Jubilee Way.

The alternative route is via A258 Deal Road, Dover Road, High Street, Reach Road and Upper Road

The planned work times are from 8.00 pm until 6.00 am each night, with the roads re-opened during the days, with traffic controlled by temporary traffic lights.

GLEN ROAD, KINGSDOWN, DEAL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway pre-patching works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Glen Road, Kingsdown, Deal, on or after 2 April 2012 for up to 4 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Carlton Road and Sea Road.

The alternative route is via Carlton Road, Edward Road and Sea Road.

STRAND STREET, SANDWICH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Strand Street, Sandwich, on or after 19 March 2012 for up to 5 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Potter Street and Harnet Street.

The alternative route for through traffic is via Strand Street, Ash Road, A256 Sandwich By-Pass and Ramsgate Road.

The One-Way Traffic Order in respect of Strand Street will be suspended between the junctions with Potter Street and High Street, for access only.

A260 THE STREET, DENTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway surfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on A260 The Street, Denton, on or after 24 March 2012 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Denton Lane and Agerster Lane.

There will be no access for through traffic between Hawkinge and the A2.

The alternative route is via A260 Canterbury Road, Oak Hill, Swanton Lane, Lydden Hill, Az Dover Road, (Old Dover Road in reverse), A260 Canterbury Road.

HIGHWAYS - East Kent

VARIOUS ROADS, EAST KENT (50 MPH SPEED LIMIT) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow maintenance works to be carried out in safety on high speed roads, Kent County Council intends to make an Order imposing a temporary mandatory speed limit of 50 mph on the dual carriageway roads shown below, on or after 4 April 2011 for up to 1 year.

The roads affected are as shown below.

A299 THANET WAY - from the M2 Brenley Corner Roundabout to B2190 Minster Road roundabout

A28 CANTERBURY ROAD, THANET - from the A299 Thanet Way to Seamark Road, Birchington

A256 DOVER ROAD - from the junction with the A2 to the Dover Road Roundabout

A256 SANDWICH BYPASS - from Stoner Cut Bridge to the A257 Sandwich Road Roundabout

LYDDEN HILL, LYDDEN, DOVER - from the junction with Swanton Lane to the junction with the A2

A2042 ROMNEY MARSH ROAD, ASHFORD

- From the A2070 Bad Munstereifel Road to Roundabout with Malcolm Sargent Road
- From the roundabout with Malcolm Sargent Road to the existing 40 mph speed restriction 250 metres from the Forestall Meadow Roundabout
- From the roundabout with Malcolm Sargent Road to the existing 40 mph speed restriction 250 metres south of the roundabout with the B2229 Norman Road

A20 FOUGERES WAY, ASHFORD - from the A20 Maidstone Road (Drovers Roundabout) to the roundabout at Junction 9 of the M20

A20 MAIDSTONE ROAD, ASHFORD - From Orchard Heights Roundabout to the junction with Sandhyhurst Lane.

This Order is in force on the respective roads when the relevant signs are displayed on site.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Gravesham

KING STREET, GRAVESEND (TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ONE WAY) TRAFFIC ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council Has made an Order to Temporarily suspend the current one way traffic on King Street, Gravesend from its junction with Parrock Street and Windmill Street and for New Road from Windmill Street to Princes Street.

The Order will become effective on19th March 2012 will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; and last 7 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Parrock Street, Lord Street, Windmill Street, Woodville Place, Wrotham Road, Barrack Row, Clive Road, Darnley Road, Barth Street, West Street, Church Street and New Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate carriageway and footway patching works.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (BOARLEY LANE, BOXLEY) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Boarley Lane between Sandling Lane and The Old Mill House on or after Monday 19th March 2012 for a period of up to 2 weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via Boarley Lane, Grange Lane, Boxley Road, Sandling Lane.

KCC Highways apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary for drainage improvements. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Alastair Coleman on 08458 247 800.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (FAIRBOURNE LANE, HARRIETSHAM) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Fairbourne Lane between Fairbourne Mill and Bramble Cottage on or after Thursday 22nd March 2012 for a period of up to 2 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via Lenham Road, Chegworth Road, Azo Ashford Road.

UK Power Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary for replacing low voltage poles and replace overhead conductors. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Susana Neves on 01342 306314.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (HEADINGLEY ROAD, ALLINGTON) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Headingley Road between Maxwell Drive and Allington Way on or after Saturday 24th March 2012 for a period of up to 1 day or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via Conway Road, A20 London Road, Allington Way.

KCC Highways apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary for carriageway resurfacing works. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is John Reynolds on 08458 247 800.

HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

COBDEN ROAD, SEVENOAKS (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of

danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Cobden Road at the junction with Quakers Hall Lane.

The Order will become effective on 18th March 2012 and will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence on 20th March 2012 and last 1 day. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Quakers Hall Lane, St Johns Hill, Holly Bush Lane.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate the installation of a roof to a new development.

DARTFORD ROAD, FARNINGHAM (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Dartford Road, Farningham from the Junction of High Street to Junction Main Road.

The Order will become effective on 07 April 2012, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence on 07 April 2012 and will last 1 day. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Main Road and High Street.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate a replacement BT cable.

MALTHOUSE ROAD, ASH CUM RIDLEY (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Malthouse Road.

The Order will become effective on 1st April 2012 and will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence on 2nd April 2012 and last 4 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Pease Hill, Ash Lane, Hatcham Green Lane, Plaxtol Green Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate a UK Power network cable.

SANDY LANE, SEVENOAKS (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Sandy Lane, Sevenoaks between junction of Quakers Hall Lane and Hartsland Road.

The Order will become effective on 18 March 2012 and will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence on 19 March 2012 and will last approx 2 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Quakers Hall Lane and Hartsland Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate footway resurfacing works.

SEAL HOLLOW ROAD (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or

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near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Seal Hollow Road.

The Order will become effective on 18 March 2012 and will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence 19 March 2012 and will last for approx 8 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: A25 Seal Road, A225 St Johns Hill, A225 Dartford Road, B2019 Seal Hollow Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate repair to a stone wall.

VARIOUS ROADS, SEVENOAKS
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF EASTBOUND TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting Eastbound vehicular traffic on Leydenhatch Lane and Newbarn Road Swanley for its entire length.

The Order will become effective on 01 April 2012 and will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence on 02 April 2012 and will last approx 25 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Birchwood Road, London Road, Bartholomew Road and Swanley Lane.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate a safer working environment for all highway users.

YORKS HILL, SUNDRIDGE
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Yorks Hill, Sundridge between Ide Hill Road and Wheatsheaf Hill.

The Order will become effective on 18 March 2012, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence on 02 April 2012 and will last approx 4 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Ide Hill Road and Wheatsheaf Hill.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate electrical maintenance.

HIGHWAYS - District of Shepway

CASTLE HILL AVENUE, FOLKESTONE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to connect a new water supply to a property re-development, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting southbound through traffic on Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, on or after 2 April 2012 for up to 4 days, or until the works have been completed.

The southbound carriageway of the road will be closed between the junctions with Ingles Road and Bouverie Road West.

The alternative route is via Shorncliffe Road, Earls Avenue and Bouverie Road West.

The One-way Traffic Order in respect of Castle Hill Avenue will be suspended from the junction with Ingles Road to the point of closure, for access only.

STAPLE LANE, POSTLING
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow access to the carriageway for phone cable repair works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Staple Lane, Postling, on or after 20 March 2012 for up to 3 days, between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm each day.

The road will be closed between the junction with The Street / Pilgrims Way and Tupper Cottage.

The alternative route is via The Street, Cuckoo Lane, Sandling Road and Staple Lane.

Access will be maintained whenever it is safe to do so, but there may be times when this is not possible, due to the use of machinery.

TRINITY GARDENS, FOLKESTONE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of sewer repair works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Trinity Gardens, Folkestone, on or after 19 March 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with Sandgate Road.

The alternative routes are via A2033 Sandgate Road, A259 Earl's Avenue and Bouverie Road West or A2033 Sandgate Road, Castle Hill Avenue and Bouverie Road West.

This closure is in conjunction with temporary traffic lights in Sandgate Road.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, HAWKINGE)
(WIDTH RESTRICTION) ORDER 2012

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to make the above named Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 45, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order will be to introduce a 6'6" width restriction on the following roads:-

Location	Proposal
1 Mill Lane, Hawkinge	For its entire length
2 St Deny's Road, Hawkinge	For its entire length
3 Old Rectory Close	For its entire length

Full details are contained in the draft Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Kent County Council, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8DH, between 8.30am and 5.00pm, and at Shepway District Council Offices, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to the Traffic Schemes Team, Kent County Council, Javelin Way, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8AD or by email to traffic.schemes@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 9 April 2012

HIGHWAYS - District of Swale

A2 HIGH STREET, NEWINGTON
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on the A2 High Street, Newington, from 2 April until 22 April 2012 inclusive, or until the works have been completed.

The A2 will be closed between the junctions with Playstool Road and Bull Lane.

The alternative motorway route is via A2 Keycol Hill, A249 Maidstone Road, M2 from Junction 5 to Junction 4, A278 Hoath Way, A2 London Road and A2 High Street.

The alternative route for non-motorway traffic is via A2 Keycol Hill, A249 Maidstone Road, Detling Hill, Sittingbourne Road, Bearsted Road, Penenden Heath Road, Sandling Lane, A229 Running Horse Roundabout, Chatham Road, Maidstone Road, A230 Horsted Way, Maidstone Road, A2 Best Street, Brookside, Union Street, New Road, Chatham Hill, Rainham Road, Watling Street, Sovereign Boulevard, Watling Street, London Road and High Street.

A 7.5 Tonne weight restriction (except for access) will be imposed on the following roads, when the relevant signage is in place:

Spade Lane, Mill Lane, Breach Lane, Lower Hartlip Hill, Playstool Road, Church Lane, Bull Lane, Callaways Lane and Rook Lane.

HIGHWAYS - District of Thanet

EDGAR ROAD, MARGATE
(RESTRICTIONS ON WAITING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To enable carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out, Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting waiting on Edgar Road, Margate, on or after 2 April 2012 for up to 2 days, or until the works have been completed.

Waiting will be prohibited between 8.00 am and 4.00 pm on the sections of Edgar Road as follows:

On the west side from the existing double yellow lines near the junction with Ethelbert Crescent to the existing double yellow lines outside St Paul's Church

On the east side from existing double yellow lines near the junction with Ethelbert Crescent to the existing double yellow lines outside number 35 (Surrey Court).

HIGHWAYS - Borough of
Tonbridge & Malling

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(ROBIN HOOD LANE & TUNBURY AVENUE, AYLESFORD)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Robin Hood Lane between Fostington Way and Tunbury Avenue and to prevent traffic turning right into Tunbury Avenue from A2045 Walderslade Woods on or after Tuesday 3rd April 2012 for a period of up to 2 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for Robin Hood Lane is via Tunbury Avenue, A2045 Walderslade Woods, Fostington Way and for the no right turn into Tunbury Avenue is via A2045 Walderslade Woods to the roundabout and return on A2045 Walderslade Woods and turn left into Tunbury Avenue.

KCC Highways apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary to facilitate planing, resurfacing and application of high friction surfacing and to install ducting in the carriageway. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Andy Padgham on 08458 247 800

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(SANDY LANE, IGHTHAM)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Sandy Lane from Ismays Road to Back Lane on or after Thursday 5th April 2012 for a period of up to 1 day or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via Back Lane, Ismays Road.

BT Openreach apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary for poling works. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Mandy Richards of Ashtead Plant Hire Company Ltd on 03700 500792.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(B2016 SEVEN MILE LANE, OFFHAM)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on B2016 Seven Mile Lane from Highlands House to Mereworth Lawn on or after Thursday 22nd March 2012 for one night between 21:00hrs - 05:00hrs, two days between 09:30hrs - 15:00hrs and one night between 21:00hrs - 05:00hrs or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via A20 London Road, A228 Ashton Way/King Hill/Malling Road.

KCC Highways apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary to carry out carriageway resurfacing. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Robert Seggie on 08458 247 800.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tunbridge Wells

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(WATERMAN'S LANE, BRENCHLEY)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Waterman's Lane on or after Monday 19th March 2012 for a period of up to 2 weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via Mile Oak Road, Mascall's Court Lane, Mascall's Court Road.

KCC Highways apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary to re-build a culvert. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Steve Lambert on 08458 247 800.

John Burr
Director Kent Highways
Invicta House
County Hall,
Maidstone
Kent ME14 1XQ

Dated 18th March 2012

For further information, please contact
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BIRTHS

BLACKMAN

Sarah and Michael would like to announce the arrival of their new son, born 04 March 2012.

FIELD

Kelly and Leighton Field welcome their new daughter and little sister Evie May to the family. Born on 11 February 2012.

KEMP

Nathen Kemp and Stacy Macartney are proud to announce the birth of their son

Noah Andrew Hunter Kemp born on 20th February 2012 at Queen Elizabeth Queen Mother hospital Margate weighing 8lb 3oz

LANGRIDGE

Kayleigh and Ryan Langridge celebrate the birth of their son Ethan James Michael Langridge on 24th February 2012

RIGDEN

Mark and Christy Rigden are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Cobie Blue Rigden Born 20th February 2012 at the Queen Elizabeth Queen Mother hospital, Margate Weighing 5lb 15oz

SARBU

Cezar and Raluca are glad to announce that Adrian Philip was born on 7th March 2012.

VAN DER WEIDE

Nick and Amy celebrate the birth of their twin girls Charlotte Summer and Poppy Isabelle born on 12th February 2012.

DEATHS

ATKINS

Joan Atkins died peacefully on 21st February 2012. Funeral service at

Farningham Church at 11am on 26th March. Family flowers only. Donations made payable to Great Ormond Street Hospital may be sent to 8 Russett Close, Aylesford ME20 7PL.

AUSTEN

Richard (Dick) Austen passed away 7th March 2012 Aged 52. Funeral is on 19th March 3.20pm at Charing Crematorium, followed by Ashford Hockey Club. Family flowers only please, charitable donations to Pilgrims Hospice, Cancer Research & Ashford Hockey Club

KITCHENER

Henry Lewis Kitchener on 21st February 2012, aged 81. Dearly loved father of Paul and Chris. Funeral service at Barham Crematorium at 1.20pm on 20th March 2012. Family flowers only, but donations may be made.

PARMENTER

Doreen (Billie) Parmenter died peacefully on 4th March 2012 aged 92. Dearly loved mother of Ian, Laurence and Simon, grandmother of Daniel, Alan and Lois.



More than half a century after its west Kent birth, Subbuteo is back

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Kent Weekend

Crazy days

It's thank you and good night from The Osmonds

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Our destination is Nice, the region's capital, where we spend 3 nights.

The pinnacle of the weekend is a day spent in neighbouring



Fireworks light up Monaco's Port Hercule harbour

Monaco, taking in the famous sights including Monte Carlo Casino, Café de Paris and the old city on the Rock of Monaco. Our visit also takes in a spectacular Musical Fireworks display over Port Hercule Harbour.

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Pontin's Pakefield Holiday Village is situated on the Suffolk coast near Lowestoft. Enjoy a choice of bars and

eateries, an indoor swimming pool, snooker, pool, darts, short mat bowls, 9 hole pitch & putt, tennis court and more. The recently refurbished chalets are all single storey and situated on level ground, in landscaped grounds just a short stroll from the main facilities and car parks. All chalets have TV, tea/coffee making facilities, heating, double glazing, en suite bath/shower & toilet, bed linen & towels. Included meals are taken in the buffet-style cafeteria with views over the grounds to the sea.

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Hotel	Start date	Nights	Price pp
Grand Burstin, Folkestone	30 Apr; 7 May	4	£149
	13, 27 Apr; 18, 25 May	3	£119

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RETURN MATCH

Subbuteo

Tabletop favourite gets a reboot

For generations, dads and sons alike could re-create the thrills of football through the finger-flicking fun of Subbuteo. Now, after years away from our toy shops, it's back. By **Nick Ames**.

AN ICONIC game invented in Kent is getting a 21st-century revamp as Subbuteo table-football this weekend hits the stores again.

The first three teams from the Premier League to be made available for 'flick to kick' fans are Premiership giants Chelsea, Liverpool and Manchester United.

Under agreements between the clubs and manufacturer Paul Lamond Games, all are officially-licensed products, with squad numbers and shirt-sponsor logos on each player.

England, Scotland and Republic of Ireland teams are also available, and more are promised as the 2012-13 season starts.

Toy stores and branches of Waterstones are among the stockists of a game once billed as "the replica of Association Football" and in which players flick small figures on semi-circular bases to propel a ball into a plastic goal.

Rules follow football regulations as closely as possible – even offside is a factor. And this year the tabletop game will have its own World Cup, with matches taking place in the plush facilities of Manchester City's Etihad Stadium.

The new hi-tech 'footballers', which can be made to spin and swerve, are a far cry from the earliest form of the game.

Its name is derived from *Falco subbuteo* – a bird of prey more commonly known as the hobby – and was coined by its creator Peter Adolph, of Langton Green, near Tunbridge Wells.

Sets first became available in 1947 and consisted of goals made of wire with paper nets, a ball made of cellulose and two teams of cardboard players, one in red shirts with white shorts, and their opponents in blue shirts with white shorts. These two-dimensional figures had to be inserted into bases made from buttons weighed down with lead washers.

No pitch was provided – instead chalk was provided, along with instructions on how to turn an old army blanket into a playing surface.

Later variations saw increasingly-detailed and intricately-painted plastic players and a



Picture: PAUL JERRATT



Picture: TUNBRIDGE WELLS MUSEUM

UP IN ARMS:

Clockwise from left: the new-look players; the Tunbridge Wells factory where the first models were made; and the stars of yesteryear



Picture: TUNBRIDGE WELLS MUSEUM

huge number of accessories, including fans, stands, floodlights and such oddities as a St John's Ambulance team with a stretcher.

Every major club strip was re-created, although individual teams were not identified until the last years of the game's popularity in the 1990s.

Richard Wells is sales director of the company behind the relaunch.

He said: "The initial market is undoubtedly going to be dads. I'm a father myself and wanted to introduce it to my sons, so I think we shall see fathers buying it for their children and kids buying it for their dads.

"We realise children won't immediately put down their computers and start playing table-football. But, of course, we hope the younger

people fall in love with it just as their parents did."

The relaunch also sees a range of generic team strips, a referee and spare balls available, along with the officially-licensed club sides.

Further teams, most likely Spurs, Arsenal, Manchester City, Celtic and Rangers, will be available in August when the company finalises its agreements with the clubs over matters such as exact strips and correct shirt-sponsors. Others will follow over the next couple of years.

Although individual stars are not exactly represented, each team has multi-racial players and a range of hairstyles. The bases have also been improved to make the players more manoeuvrable and they are also far more sturdy – the older plastic models were prone to being snapped.

Wells said: "Subbuteo was always a great game, and it remains a great game. In fact it is now much better. The quality of the playing area is vastly superior and the production techniques used mean there is a far wider range of players – some even wear different-coloured boots."

In its heyday the game was a part of popular culture – for example, pop-punk band The Undertones referenced it in My Perfect Cousin.

Curator Ian Beavis said: "Subbuteo is a very popular local invention and people of a certain age have fond memories of playing it, so it is very pleasing to see it back."

• A display featuring the origins of the game is on show at Tunbridge Wells Museum, open Monday-Saturday from 9.30am-5pm and Sunday from 10am-4pm.

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The Osmonds The brothers' final UK tour

Winter Gardens, Margate

Tuesday, March 20, at 7.30pm
01843 296111
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FOR more than five decades The Osmonds have been entertaining crowds across the globe and this year marks their biggest-ever UK Tour. Fans will journey through their many unforgettable hits, including One Bad Apple, Down By The Lazy River, Love Me For A Reason and the rocky Crazy Horses.

And then, of course, there's the 1972 No 1 hit for Jimmy, Long Haired Lover From Liverpool. "We truly want this tour to be a great big thank-you to all our fans for their love and support through the years," said Jimmy.

"This final tour takes us all around the UK and allow us to get up close and personal with our fans – we can't wait." The group recorded 200 albums, selling 100 million copies worldwide. Tickets are priced from £27.50.



Rock comedy Steve Hughes coming solo

**Trinity Theatre,
Tunbridge Wells**
Saturday, March 17
01892 678678

FOLLOWING sell-out shows at the Sydney, Adelaide and Melbourne comedy festivals and stellar performances on Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow (BBC One), Australian comic Steve

Hughes will be embarking on his long-awaited debut solo tour in 2012. The show, Big Issues, takes in 42 dates, including a show at the Trinity Theatre. Hughes joined Reginald D Hunter as a special guest on his mammoth nationwide tour playing to tens of thousands of people nationwide during 2011. A former heavy-metal drummer, Hughes quickly made a name for himself as a highly-opinionated and provocative performer. See www.trinitytheatre.net for more details.



Amazing, living iPod Derek Paravacini

The Tower Theatre, Folkestone
Saturday, March 31, at 8pm
01303 223 925
www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk

THE amazing Derek Paravacini has been described as a living iPod offering a data bank of music in his mind ready to be performed to a live audience. The virtuoso pianist was born blind and is also autistic, but his musical wizardry has made him the focus of several TV programmes including the documentary Extraordinary People. From Bach to boogie-woogie, you name it and Paravacini can play it. He has already been called to play with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and at Downing Street for the Prime Minister. He is equally brilliant in any key and any music genre and takes random requests as proof. Tickets are priced at £15.

Don't skip the seaside beat Rizzle Kicks

Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone
Monday, May 7
0844 8713015
www.atgtickets.com

HARLEY Alexander-Sule and Jordan Stephens, aka Rizzle Kicks, are two of the most exciting young musicians in the UK right now. Their debut single Down With The Trumpets sold 250,000

copies and stayed in the top 10 for a month. The duo have already been nominated for three MOBO Awards and featured on the No 1 single Heart Skips A Beat with Olly Murs. They describe their debut LP as a mix of pop and old hip-hop and have already taken this year's Brits by storm. Following such an electric start to their career, the pair are widely expected by those in the know to have a very productive 2012. Tickets for their Folkestone gig are priced at £13.50.



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Don't head for the brightest lights when you're in search of the best

STURRY hosts what must be one of the less bustling high streets in the land. That much was evident on the Saturday evening I strolled through with a guest, passing precisely no one.

Given, however, the atmosphere that can hang over such places at such times, this is perhaps no bad thing. And, truth be told, there is not an abundance of venues to draw folk, of any disposition, to Sturry high street after dark.

A fast-food takeaway and mini-supermarket, in fact, are pretty much the sum of it. That and possibly the finest restaurant in east Kent.

Its name is Kathton House, a pleasantly understated venue that doesn't bellow claims of greatness or force itself on the collective psyche other than through the quality of its food.

Which is, quite simply, excellent.

Neither overly complex nor unimaginatively familiar, our meals could not have been faulted at any point during our visit, which was a joyous experience in every way.

The presentation was exquisite, the service friendly and warm (I was even offered a pair of glasses as, still in denial over my failing eyesight, I struggled with the menu) and the surroundings genial.

Feeling instantly at ease, we got under way

RESTAURANT REVIEW



with some excellent bread before our starters really had the show on the road. My warm smoked duck breast salad with raspberry dressing was exquisite. I'm a fan of both duck and raspberry, so perhaps a combination of the two was never going to go wrong, but we all know life is rarely that simple...

My companion's selection of caramelised shallot, beetroot, French bean and dolce latté cheese salad with balsamic vinegar dressing was, given the wider array of ingredients, perhaps more vulnerable to a mismatch. Again, though, the result was a total success.

An excellent and manageable choice of main courses (with strong vegetarian options) gave only one problem: which to choose? I went for

roast rack of Monkshill Farm lamb in rosemary and redcurrant jus served with potato Anna.

Top-quality meat in a lovely sauce was complemented perfectly by a first for me... potato Anna, which, for those who don't know, is layered potato cooked in butter (think potato Dauphinoise without the cream).

My companion wanted fillets of John Dory in dill and saffron sauce with sautéed new potatoes... with no dill. Fortunately, and rightly, it was possible to drop it. Happy days.

Dessert was forced rhubarb, crème patissiere tartlet served with stem ginger ice-cream (her) and Cointreau parfait with orange and mango salad (me). Both were brilliant, mine in particular a riotous explosion of taste.

At this point I must confess to a little unease with what has just gone before. During the course of my many reviews, I have been unfailingly honest, sparing no sensitivities when necessary. So, reading this unrestrained eulogy, I wonder if I've lost that necessary edge. But no, I haven't... I simply couldn't find fault.

Dave Mairs

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HORSMONDEN: Horsmonden farmers' market, held every other Friday, has some 20 stalls, covering a range of produce including meat, game, poultry, eggs, cheese, fruit and vegetables, bread, jams and pickles, honey, prepared pies, pastries, cakes and bakes.

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HYTHE: Hythe farmers' market was established in March 2004 and is now located in the Methodist church hall, between Chapel Street and Prospect Road. It is open on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month from 10am to midday.

ELHAM: The Elham market is held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month in the Rose and Crown pub, from 10am to midday. It offers a selection of fruit and vegetables, eggs, cheese, fresh meat, bread, cakes, honey, jams and wine.

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European unveiling for the Kia Ceed's next generation

Driving **carsforkent.co.uk**

By Sam Davison

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IT'S a German thing – this habit of describing a facelift model as 'the new generation' when it patently is not.

Still, we might forgive Audi on the occasion of the makeover for its major breadwinner, the current A4 launched in 2008.

There's a lengthy list of new things to note: apart from the cosmetics from a re-shaped bonnet, bumper, grille and headlamps, the engines have been fettled to produce impressive fuel and emissions improvements including start/stop on all units.

Perhaps most surprising is it's all been achieved in a climate of spiralling costs by raising prices just £200 a car – the range starts at £23,625.

Audi has also executed the changes at the same time across the entire range, from the big-selling saloon and Avant (estate) models to sporting S4 and S4 Avant variants and the chunkier Allroad quattro all-wheel drive estate.

There is no doubt that without radically changing the look of the range to the point where owners of the 2008-12 versions would be brassed off and see residuals falling, the new-look A4 has more visual impact – Avant models being particularly sharp.

Nor will those owners grumble about the A4's acclaimed chassis being upgraded; it hasn't and probably didn't need to, since the '08 car marked a point where this front-wheel drive executive star silenced traditionalists lauding its rear-driven German rivals, the Mercedes-Benz C-Class and BMW 3-Series.

For the A4 marries well-balanced handling and a good ride, as well as cruising quietly on motorways.

With money tighter than ever though, 'previous generation' owners may grumble – or upgrade – after hearing the gains made on running costs. In the most eco-friendly version, the £26,555 136PS (134bhp) diesel A4 2.0TDIe, average mpg now sits in the mid-60s – a figure most superminis cannot emulate.

It is also one of several revised A4s that escape road tax altogether due to low CO₂ emissions, while the Benefit in Kind taxation for company car drivers is just 13 per cent. And yet the car does not feel emasculated by its eco-friendliness.

On the other hand, there is plenty to tempt those who still want their executive model to be sporting too; the range flagship S4 Avant quattro (£39,865) for instance, accelerates hits 62mph in just 5.1 seconds and comes with a smooth shifting double-clutch S-tronic auto gearbox, with paddle shifts on the wheel for fast manual changes.

With a silky 333PS (330bhp) 3.0-litre six-cylinder petrol engine, it is a car that would be both practical and exciting to own.

Not so sure about the pumped up looking 177PS (175bhp) 2.0-litre diesel Allroad model I drove though. At £31,375 it looks a pricey way to suggest it might use its quattro all-wheel drive to go places its lower slung sisters might not.



AUDI A4

1st DRIVE

Price: from
£23,625-£39,865

Driving appeal:

★★★★

Image:

★★★★

Space:

★★★★

Value:

★★★★

Running costs:

★★★★

Reliability:

★★★★

How green?:

★★★★

Best rival:

BMW 3-Series

Looking sharper than ever... Audi has a smart makeover



DROP-DEAD GORGEOUS:

The Audi S4 has revised headlamps to add a sharper look (left) as the German car-maker has changed the look of its entire range

DON'T LIKE

NOT SURE

REALLY LIKE

...the insistence on calling a facelift model 'new generation', but this is a pretty impressive makeover.

...the A4 can yet overcome the BMW 3-Series for ultimate desirability in this sector, but on looks alone.

...the way the car has been moved forward at its midlife point, with emphasis on making it greener and retaining a price edge.

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Little in large works for Insignia but has Vauxhall gone too far?

By Sam Davison

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DROPPING a turbocharged 1.4-litre petrol engine into its Astra family hatch has been a sensible move by Vauxhall, attracting private buyers who would rather avoid diesel.

But has the Griffin brand gone too far by stretching the same little 140PS (138bhp) engine into the considerably bulkier Insignia family model and, especially, the Sports Tourer or estate version tested here?

Back to back with its 160PS diesel equivalent, this model feels quite light on its feet and refined unless you really put your foot down, though the diesel has slightly more urgent acceleration low down.

Then again, the diesel will cost you about £500 more upfront at list price, even if fuel economy is slightly better.

However, there is a strong argument now for economical small turbocharged petrol engines versus equivalent diesels: the 160PS diesel should average more than 50mpg – the little petrol will be in the late 40s – but you pay more for diesel at the pumps.

So, you need to cover a lot of miles in those early years to claw back your extra outlay on the diesel model and its fuel.

The green argument is not so clear either, because the petrol engine is a new generation low emission type and comes with an efficient start/stop system to drive down CO₂ emissions in congested traffic, meaning it is as clean as the diesel for road tax purposes – both cars sit in Band E (£115/year).

The result of all this is that company car user choosers will probably go for the diesel – private buyers will go petrol.

Looking at the Insignia Sports Tourer generally, it is one of the most handsome load luggers around. If it carried a prestigious German badge on the front too then there would be even more on the road.

VAUXHALL INSIGNIA SE NAV SPORTS TOURER 1.4 TURBO START/STOP: PRICE £26,100



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DIFFERENT STROKES: A tough choice for any new Insignia buyer will be which engine to choose; the slightly more economical diesel that costs £500 or the petrol version that come with fuel-saving start/stop

Remember that it won the prestigious European Car of the Year award in 2009, a fitting reward for Vauxhall/Opel's British design chief Mark Adams, who has done so much to transform the brand's cars.

Mind you, that sharply tailored estate car rear end means it can't compete for full on cargo capacity (1,530 litres) with its predecessor, the drab and hearse-like Vectra Estate. While the Insignia narrowly beats the old timer for boot space, the Vectra spaceship offered 1,850 litres of cargo space rear seats down.

Then again, Vauxhall has the Zafira and new and classy Zafira Tourer for those needing a convertible van, while German executive marques have already shown that modern estate buyers want style and prestige as well as practicality.

The Insignia is not a leader in the handling stakes, though it is worth checking out the taut-

er and more rewarding Sport chassis that comes as standard on the SRi line-up – the SE model, as tested, has the more pliant Comfort set-up, which can feel vague and unsettled under pressure.

Inside, the cabin mixes the quality and practicality that Vauxhall has deployed in an attempt to elbow into an 'upper mainstream' club with the likes of Honda and VW, and away from *hoi polloi* like Renault and in-house General Motors value brand, Chevrolet.

Though I wasn't impressed by the palette of browns and beiges in the test car, the Insignia cabin is a good place to be front and back, with lots of space to stretch out and excellent headroom – this is a big car for the money, provided you haggle against optimistic list prices.

Indeed, you wonder if Vauxhall has tried to fill two sectors with the Insignia, having axed the bigger Omega flagship model it used to offer.

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Downsizing of executive style

VOLVO has unveiled its all-new V40 premium five-door, five-seat hatchback.

Inspired by the existing C30 coupé hatch, the newcomer will target executive car-buyers who want to downsize without giving up bigger car luxury.

With Volvo's highly effective DRIVE eco technologies on board the new range should also be tax efficient. Order books open next month, with deliveries in September.



Estate's grace will hit rivals

JAGUAR'S success with its medium-size XF saloon, made it inevitable that it would follow up with an elegant estate to rival cars like the BMW 5-Series Touring and Audi A6 Avant.

Called the XF Sportbrake it will carry a respectable maximum load of 1,675 litres, yet retains the saloon's excellent handling, says Jaguar.

The Sportbrake should be in showrooms by September.



VW's winning combination

VOLKSWAGEN might have solved a conundrum by producing a performance car with exceptional economy.

It's the Polo BlueGT, which has a turbo-charged 140PS (138bhp) petrol engine offering 0-62mph in under eight seconds yet also averaging around 60mpg by deactivating two of its four cylinders during most driving situations, and then firing up when needed. UK deliveries: to be confirmed.

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Kia sows the Ceed for its next generation

By Sam Davison

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IT WAS only right that Kia's second generation Ceed family hatchback made its public debut at the Geneva Motor Show, ending this weekend.

The original car was created for the European market and built in Slovakia at an all-new car plant, and has since sparked a change in public perception of the ambitious Korean brand.

The Ceed arrived in the UK in 2007, prompting Kia to be seen not just as a value brand, but more mainstream, going on recently to be seen as cutting edge with models like the racy-looking Sportage SUV, plus sharp-suited Rio supermini and Optima family models.

The original Ceed was roomy, well-equipped, well-designed and finished – also launching Kia's unrivalled seven-year/100,000-mile warranty – and a decent drive, with the chassis further tightened at the car's midlife facelift.

Dealers will, no doubt, be offering some attractive packages on the car as they sell off stocks of the original over the next couple of months ahead of the new car's arrival around June.

But what will the new car offer over its predecessor?

For a start, the design this time will have the dabs all over it from Kia's German design meister Peter Schreyer – the man who penned the original Audi TT.

He arrived at Kia just as the Ceed had gone into production, but he has since then gradually displaced what he described as the brand's "neutral look" to a distinctive post-Ceed style epitomised by the 'tiger nose' corporate grille.



LOOKS CAN DECEIVE: Kia's second-generation Ceed (main picture) has moved on from its predecessor (below) and will be a real threat to top European models such as VW's Golf, Vauxhall's Astra and the VW Gold

The new car will be expected to seriously challenge top European models such as the VW Golf, Ford Focus and Vauxhall Astra this time by delivering top quality handling and ride, as well as the old car's obvious practical qualities and value.

Powertrains have also been upgraded – though the previous car's 1.6-litre diesel was already a marvel – and there will be a dual-clutch transmission like VW's DSG enabling automatic

transmission lovers to enjoy all the benefits of slick manual gear selection should they wish.

We can also expect the car to be competitively priced and equipped once more and backed by that stunning warranty – not that it's been needed much, since the Ceed has also proved utterly reliable, making it a popular used buy, too.

The only negative is that Kia intends to continue with the car's silly name, which

should be written 'c'eed' and stands for something that nobody, but the most incorrigible car anorak would want to remember.

The five-door Ceed will also be accompanied by a new version of the SW estate model, which also proved a big success story and gained the further accolade of being bought by a hard-nosed fellow motoring scribe – endorsements don't come bigger.

Whether Kia will then follow up with a new version of the sporty three-door ProceeD spin-off has yet to be confirmed.



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BLACK female, 33, single mum, loving, honest, caring, kind, seeks professional, kind, honest male, 34-44. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387585**
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HI I'm Jane a 40yr old divorcee with 3 children, looking to fall in love again, seeks genuine, confident, very tactile male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386643**
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FEMALE likes coast walks, shopping, gardening, countryside, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381463**
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KEIRA 34yr old very attractive female, fed up of staying in alone, looking for likeminded male for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384055**
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MOTORSPORT

Competition fuels expectation as Brands braced for BTCC

By Fred Atkins

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BRANDS Hatch will host the opening round of the 2012 Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship later this month in what looks like being one of the most open championships for years.

Reigning champions Matt Neal and Honda Racing will start the year with a brand new Civic, built to the championship's new 'next generation touring car' regulations.

The rules, aimed at lowering costs, have seen grids swell to volumes last seen in the 1990s but they also present new challenges for existing teams.

With a new car to develop, Neal will face stiff competition from team mate Gordon Shedden as he bids for a record-equalling fourth title. In addition, two Civics will be built for the Pirtek team, of which one will be driven by 2011 contender Andrew Jordan.

Meanwhile Neal's great rival Jason Plato moves from Chevrolet to a brand new MG team. The Chinese-owned Birmingham marque enters a brace of MG6 saloons prepared by crack squad Triple 8, winners of several titles in the last decade, including Plato's 2001 championship.

Whilst the partnership is brand new, this pedigree means they cannot be discounted.

Wrotham's Motorbase outfit staged a strong challenge for the title in 2011 and with continuity in their favour, returning lead driver Mat Jackson will be a dark horse for overall honours this season.

The team start the year with a three-pronged attack, with Liam Griffin and promising Irish newcomer Aron Smith backing up Jackson's charge.

Veteran outfit West Surrey Racing have also elected to run three cars, their BMWs now powered by turbocharged engines to match the other frontrunners. Seasoned campaigner Rob Collard will be kept on his toes by fast youngster Tom Onslow-Cole, with Nick Foster retained for a second season.

In addition to the title favourites there are several promising teams and drivers that came on strong last year.

Frank Wrathall was one of the first drivers to



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READY: Racing should be intense in the upcoming BTCC season - which starts at Brands Hatch

take advantage of the new regulations and his Toyota is expected to challenge for wins this season. Rob Austin's Audi picked up pace during the year, whilst Thurrock's AmD Tuning have picked up promising newcomer Ollie Jackson to race their Golf.

Dartford's Tony Gilham will be given a huge boost, driving Shedden's 2011 Civic, so it'll be impossible to pick a winner for any of the three season-opening races.

In addition to the BTCC, there will be support races from the Renault Clio Cup, and fans will be

able to follow the progress of Lewis Hamilton's brother Nicolas, the star of a recent TV documentary. Formula Renault UK, Porsche Carrera Cup, Ginetta Juniors and Ginetta GT Supercup are also on the bill for a packed weekend of racing.

Tickets for round one of the Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship at Brands Hatch are on sale from £25, with free entry for children aged 12 and under. Racing takes place over the weekend March 31-April 1.

For more information, call 0843 453 9000 or visit www.brandshatch.co.uk

Monza delight and win for Quaife-Hobbs

THE AutoGP season couldn't have started much better for Tonbridge's Adrian Quaife-Hobbs, after he picked up a win and a third-place at Monza at the weekend.

Quaife-Hobbs, 21, wasn't even sure he'd be driving until a day before practice was due to start but after jetting out to Italy on Thursday evening he was third-fastest in Friday's first practice session.

He improved in the second session to qualify on pole in his Lola and after a great start in Saturday's race he managed to build such a lead he was able to pull in for his compulsory pit stop on lap eight and still emerge in first place.

"I really didn't have any idea how it would be starting in this car, as we naturally hadn't had any time to test that prior to the race, but I made a perfect start to hold the lead into turn one," he said.

"I managed to break the tow early on and build up a 2.5 second lead over the first three laps. However on the fourth lap, the gearbox problem we suffered earlier returned, which meant I was losing time in the first sector as I couldn't change up quickly from first to second gear. So I had to really push hard on the rest of the lap to keep the advantage."

Despite those gearbox issues he comfortably held on for the chequered flag, though victory meant that he had to start from the fourth row in the second race due to a reversed grid for the top eight finishers.

"Race two was far more eventful," he said. "I got a good start to hold position but didn't have quite the same pace as I had the rest of the weekend. Despite that we were in a good position to be challenging for a podium finish and when a few cars ahead of me collided, I was in the right place to pick my way through and get third place." The next round of the championship takes place in Valencia.



Picture: ADY KERRY

CRICKET

Kent sign Newman on loan, as Jones' duck is blow to Papua New Guinea's T20 dreams

KENT have signed the opening batsman Scott Newman on a two-month loan deal from Middlesex.

"I am really pleased to be joining Kent for the opening months of the season," Newman said.

"I look forward to hopefully playing regular first team cricket and contributing to a successful start to 2012 for the club."

The 32-year-old left hander made his county debut for Surrey in 2002, before moving to Middlesex in 2009.

In a decade he has scored 8,415 first class runs at an average of 38.77, hitting 16 centuries.

"We are really pleased the agreement for the loan has been reached with

Middlesex and we now hope that Scott will do very well for Kent," head coach Jimmy Adams said. "He will join us for pre-season when the squad returns from Antigua and remain with the squad for the whole of April and May."

There was not such good news for wicketkeeper Geraint Jones, however.

The England Ashes hero has switched his allegiance to the land of his birth - Papua New Guinea - and he jetted out last week to prepare for their ICC Twenty20 World Cup qualifiers in the East Asia-Pacific zone.

But in their first match against Afghanistan, Jones survived just six balls before edging a catch for a duck.

His side went on to lose to the war-torn country by six wickets.

The qualifying tournament continues.

Meanwhile, Kent have also announced a five-year sponsorship deal with Maidstone-based company LED Sport Europe, a company who supply permanent and temporary perimeter boards, scoreboards and replay screens.

As part of the deal the LED logo will appear on the players' training kit.

"This new package means that LED Sport Europe will become one of our main club partners," Kent's chief executive Jamie Clifford said.

"They join Spitfire, Cardy's and Demelza as one of the club's major sponsors."

DISAPPOINTMENT: Jones saw his side lose to Afghanistan

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WHADDON ROAD, SATURDAY 3PM

Birchall runs foul of Hess after Facebook revelation

By Fred Atkins

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ADAM Birchall was given a mild "rap across the knuckles" this week, after announcing on Facebook that his season was over, before the diagnosis was confirmed by Gillingham's medical staff.

Manager Andy Hessenthaler admitted it was "very unlikely" that the striker he signed from Dover last summer would be fit, but said the club hadn't ruled out a comeback.

Hessenthaler said. "He's made a slight mistake but we're not going to go overboard." He added he felt Birchall was guilty of nothing more than naivety and that the striker was feeling pessimistic about his chances of playing after seeing a specialist.

Realistically there's seems little chance that Birchall, who suffered a cruciate injury during pre-season, will play again this season, but there was better news for Gillingham on the injury front ahead of Saturday's trip to Cheltenham. Matt Fish and Andy Frampton will both be in the squad and while Hessenthaler has yet to decide whether to risk starting either player, he will hand Frampton the captain's armband if he's named in the XI.

Danny Kedwell and Jordan Obita are both back after shaking off tonsillitis, while Jo Kuffour is "50-50".

Yet while the injury crisis has abated, Gillingham have four players suspended for the trip to Whaddon Road. Lewis Montrose, Danny Spiller, Charlie Lee and Joe Martin are all banned, leav-

Picture: ADY KERRY



BIRCHALL: Bouncing back - but not this season

ing Hessenthaler with gaps to plug in midfield, meaning Alex Brown could feature.

Both Hessenthaler and defender Jack Evans admitted they were impressed by how well Cheltenham had played in this campaign.

"I think everyone thought they were going to be relegation candidates but they've surprised everyone," Evans said. "I think it's going to be

FACT FILE:

CHELTENHAM TOWN

HEAD-TO-HEAD:

9 games - Gills 4 wins, Cheltenham 1 win

LAST MEETING:

Gills 1 Cheltenham 0

August 6, 2011 (League Two)

PREVIOUS GAME:

Swindon 1, Cheltenham 0

March 10, 2012

CHELTENHAM'S FORM:

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LEAGUE POSITION:

5th

TALKING POINT:

WCheltenham were a non-league side until 1998-99 and only played Gillingham for the first time the following season, in the FA Cup first round. Nicky Southall's goal earned the Gills a 1-1 away draw before they wrapped up a 3-2 win at Priestfield in the replay.



NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL FOCUS WITH FRED ATKINS

Don't pay price of ignoring fans

“THE former chairman of a Kent football club once claimed that supporters should be treated like mushrooms: kept in the dark and fed manure (I paraphrase) every now and again.

The internet era now means that's a far more difficult task for anyone trying to run a football club for their own nefarious ends, but the implicit contempt for supporters displayed by the game's authorities is apparent every time a club's future is jeopardised by the actions of reckless or negligent individuals.

The Scottish FA's decision to brand Craig White "not a fit and proper person" to own Glasgow Rangers was a classic case of stable-door shutting.

Whyte's track record was a matter of public knowledge and yet the authorities did nothing to prevent him taking over at Ibrox and therefore have to take a share of the blame for the ensuing financial catastrophe.

This happens so often in football it indicates a systemic problem. Rangers' implosion demonstrates that even the biggest clubs remain vulnerable because the legislation protecting clubs is so weak it may as well be non-existent.

The English FA's "fit and proper person" test is nearly as laughable as the US immigration questionnaire that asks: "Have you ever participated in mass genocide?" and about as effective.

Between 1992 and 2010 a staggering 54 clubs became insolvent.

In almost every case however, the greatest damage is done to supporters and this cannot be measured in financial terms.

Fans who pay to attend matches are repeatedly subjected to lectures about their behaviour and the need to show 'respect'.

Yet the most glaring omission in the Respect agenda is the lack of protection for supporters, who are emotionally tied to clubs in a way that players, officials and administrators never will be.

This is the most vital relationship in the game. Without loyal supporters, lower league and semi-professional football teams would become glorified Saturday and Sunday league sides, playing in front of a handful of relatives - already the reality for some Kent League clubs.

Fans are entitled to ask why the authorities don't take preventative action.

The more plausible explanation is they are an afterthought.

Try finding a reference to supporters anywhere on the KCFA's website. Its Football Strategy 2008-2012 doesn't even mention supporters or fans and in their 2011-12 handbook, there are three references in over 400 pages, two of them concerning crowd control, the other a fleeting acknowledgement of the "sense of ownership" they feel.

For £51 you can order a criminal record check.

Failing this will stop you from working with young footballers, but history warns it won't prevent you from taking over their club.



PARALYMPICS

Get ready as 'Murderball' spins in for tournament

ONCE billed as 'Murderball' and alternatively "the most exciting game of the 2012 London Paralympics", the sport of wheelchair rugby comes to Gillingham this weekend, with the Medway Sports Park in Mill Road hosting the Coloplast Super Series.

Players from the Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby squad will be joining local players in an eight-team tournament that begins on Saturday at 8.30am, when the group stages kick-off.

Wheelchair rugby is touted as a fusion of ice hockey, handball and rugby, founded in Canada in 1977 and originally dubbed 'Murderball' for reasons that will rapidly become obvious to anyone watching.

The aim is to cross the opponents' goal line with two wheels in contact with the hardwood floor and the ball in your hands. Players in possession have to bounce the ball or pass within 10 seconds of receiving it.

The sport has featured on Channel 4's Inside Incredible Athletes, and BBC1's One Show.

"It's a really exciting time for



READY: Wheelchair rugby arrives

British wheelchair rugby," the sport's chief executive, David Pond said. "Not only is the British team progressing well towards the Paralympic Games, thanks to the funding support of UK Sport, the Lottery and Sport England, but it means that the sport is able to grow at all levels and be in a position to challenge for gold."

Entry is free, and a full schedule can be found on the website www.gbwr.org.uk.

FOOTBALL

Will boss Watson give Chats chance to bounce back?

CHATHAM Town manager Kevin Watson is in a quandary ahead of his side's Ryman 1 North clash with Maldon & Tiptree at Maidstone Road this Saturday.

After a 4-0 defeat at Leiston of which he said it was "very difficult to find any positives" Watson must decide whether to ring the changes or give the players who underperformed another chance.

"You might think there'd have to be changes after that but to a certain extent you need the players to bounce back and show it was just a one-off," he said.

The Chats will be at full strength for Maldon & Tiptree, except for striker Lloyd Blackman, who completes his two-game ban.

Chatham's three-game winning run came to a predictable end at league leaders Leiston last week.

Leiston took a seventh-minute lead through Michael Brothers, but Chatham then had a strong shout for a penalty turned down when Joe Fuller was brought down.

Gareth Heath doubled the Suffolk side's lead before the break and with 20 minutes to go and Chatham chasing the game he

really tough but on our day we can beat anyone."

While Gillingham won four straight games before the 3-4 defeat to Crewe last Saturday the Robins have stuttered of late and went down 1-0 to Paolo Di Canio's Swindon in their last game. The sides met on the opening day of the season, when the Gills won 1-0.



DECISION: Boss faces tough calls

added the third. Rhys Henry made it 4-0 ten minutes from time.

"They thoroughly deserved it to be honest," Watson said. "Maybe in the first half you wouldn't have thought it would finish 4-0, but we were poor and over the 90 minutes they probably deserved to win by that margin."

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